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SOME OLD LANDMARKS IN BIDDEFORD.

Biddeford is not rich in historic houses so much as historic locations. The first houses built, after Maj. Phillip's garrison, were a few in the neighborhood of the sawmills on the western side of the river, and contiguous to the fort built in 1693.

After 1700, there were a few near the Pool or Winter Harbor. In 1717, Samuel Jordan, son of Dominicus and Hannah. Tristram Jordan built the old house across "the gut" from Fletcher's Neck. It was a garrison house, with a protecting wall of stone, covering the lower story. Here Mr. Jordan kept a store, and became a very important factor in the town. Years after, he and his son Judge Rishworth Jordan built (on the site of Stackpole's garrison) the very large house now the property of Mrs. Tatterson. As Capt. Samuel died in 1742, it must have been erected previous to this year. He was living there at his death. Judge Jordan lived there all his remaining years, dying at the age of 88. He was succeeded by his son, Ralph Tristram Jordan, who also attained a great age.

The Haley house was built about the same time the Samuel Jordan house was, and must have been built by Dea. Benjamin Haley, who returned to Biddeford from Marblehead with his wife (Susanna Marsh) immediately after the trouble with the red skins was supposed to be allayed. The Indians had killed his father, Thomas Haley, Jr. at the fort in Biddeford 1695. They also killed Thomas Haley 1st. in 1724 at 91 years of age, and Benjamin died at Louisburg under Sir Wm. Pepperell 1745 of camp fever.

Thomas Haley 1st was killed by Indians at 91

Thomas 2nd. was killed by Indians at 45.

Thomas 3d. lived to be 98½

Thomas 4th lived to be 93.

Benjamin's descendants were numerous and were most always in office in town affairs. His son William my great, great grandfather married Rachel Edgecomb, 1746, thus making his children lineal descendants of "Lord Nothing to this Edgecomb of Mount Edgecomb, Cornwall," England. They also were descended "by the same token," from Thomas Lewis, the partner of Richard Bonython, in the grant on the east side of the Saco, in 1629-30. The Haleys have been accused of being of Celtic origin. Be this as it

may, it is on record in Oxford University, that John Haley took his degree of M.A. at Oxford in 1315, and Lawrence Haley took his at the same seat of learning in 1365. Sir William Haley, the English poet, was Lord Mayor of London about 1800. Thomas Haley the first came to Saco - Winter Harbor, from Devonshire, England. Biddeford in England is in that district, and as other settlers at Winter Harbor emigrated from there, this name was given to that part of Saco on the western side of the river, when settlement was resumed in 1717.

If Biddeford ever had any town or church records for the period from 1685 to 1717, they are not to be found.

Coming up the Pool road from Judge Jordan's there are but a couple of houses that can be called old, until we reach the vicinity of the hamlet that was the principal part of Biddeford previous to 1840. The Jeremiah Bettes (?) house and Parson Morrill's, Ichabod Jordan's and Parson Websters come next, and then the Murch house, just beyond the Clifford house, and on the other side of the road.

Next in line comes the Daniel Cleaves house on the hill near the Electric Light Station. Mr. Cleaves

came from Newbury or Newburyport, married Sarah Fairfield, their children - Almira, Mary and Daniel. The first married Charles Dummer, who at some time owned and lived in the Page house, now Rowland Hill's. Mary died single, and Daniel married Marcia Tucker, daughter of Jonathan, Sr.

When Mr. Dummer was first married he took a house near his father-in-law, Daniel Cleaves, about opposite the Maxwell house, and Parson Fairfield boarded with them, and I think died there.

Reuben H. Green, who married Doroas Storer, also built a house there, and had a store. This house, now converted into a flat, was owned at another time, previous to 1825, by J. B. Thornton, who built the stone store at Pepperell Square. When Thornton, who was a cousin to Marshal Thornton, died, the Thorntons with their proverbial alertness, pounced on his widow and contested his property on the ground that he was not legally married. This trick they also attempted on the widow of Richard Thornton, the Marshal's son. In the latter case they acquired most of it, and left her unprovided for. It was the same when William Cutts' heirs died. Their property became the legitimate prey

of the same tribe, Mrs. Cutts being a Thornton.

The Pike house is the large, ill shapen thing next to the gas house. The gas house was built in a grave yard. Next to it on the opposite corner is the Maxwell house, built by Dr. Aaron Porter, who married Paulina King, daughter of Richard King, and sister of Gen. Cyrus King and Mrs. Leland. This house was originally two stories and is said to have had a garden on top. When Maxwell purchased it, he added a story, and as his sons married, he built each of them a house, attached to each until they extended a good distance up High Street, the last addition being a fine brick one, the best brick house in town, except Parson Tracy's, where Geo. Gibbs now lives.

Maxwell married a Randall of Saco, who was a merchant here in 1800, and owned a tract of land covering nearly all the land on the eastern side of Middle Street from School to Common, except the Kendrick lot on the corner. Maxwell built "Scotland"on some of this land. He had a store in Biddeford. The late Charles C. Sawyer married his daughter Mary Maxwell.

Like most of his nationality, Maxwell was "thrifty," and left a good estate for his time. Like

them, too, he was always in a hot argument, and when worsted he left his opponent with a final word, "And that's the whull of it!" which phrase passed into common use in Biddeford.

Above the Maxwell houses on High Street is a peculiar shaped brick house, built by our late Gov. Robie, when he kept a drug store in Biddeford and practiced medicine. Later he returned to Gorham, and became heir to the estate of his father Toppan Robie, which he managed very skillfully, and finally became a very prominent citizen of Maine, and with the aid of the Grangers "Farmer Robie" became Governor, and certainly made a fine looking one, and left it with a clean reputation. He was far ahead of many who have held this honor by successful mediocrity, rather than ability. Ability and dignity were strong characteristics of Gov. Robie.

The old shacks in front of the Maxwell house were built by old John Buckley, an Irishman, who came there a common laborer, but who acquired a large property, worth much more to him than to his heirs. If there were any soft spots in his heart, or if he had any "bowels of mercy," they were never discovered. His ulitmatum to

delinquent rent payers was "Pay yer rint; or git out d--n yees."

The Emery house is next in line with the Maxwell, and is nearly hidden from the street by some more of Buckley's tenements, in what was the Emery front yard.

There were two houses on the opposite side of Water street now changed into flats. They were built by Perkins.

In the hollow descending to the river where the old bridge crossed, are the houses of Elisha Allen, 1767, the old Townsend house, later Samuel Pierson's, and the old store of the latter. Capt. Samuel White purchased the Allen tavern, and built a runway for repairing vessels just below it. He married Mr. Pierson's daughter, who lived to be nearly as old as her father. He died at 93, she at 90.

The last of Mr. Pierson's days, he lived on the estate of his father-in-law, Hon. Jeremiah Hill, which is still standing. It is on the site of Phillips' garrison.

Mr. Pierson was a Revolutionary soldier, and was on Washington's staff in some official capacity. He

wore his Continental dress till he died, cocked hat, knee breeches, and large silver knee and shoe buckles. He always attended church in Saco and walked to and from it. I have seen him many times, as he always went the same way, and passed the house I lived in for two years, on High Street (the John Noble house.) Samuel Chase, who built the George A. Carter house, married Mr. Pierson's youngest daughter. Mr. Chase kept a store on the Biddeford side at one time, not far from White's wharf.

The Pierson house on Pierson's Lane is on the site of the Maj. Phillips' garrison, and the brook where the Indians got stuck and exposed themselves to a raking fire from the garrison, is the one emptying into the river below the present bridge to Biddeford.

Maj. Phillips must have had an overwhelming sense of his own dignity and importance when he had a man brought before the Court for saying "his horse was as lean as an Indian dog." If such trifling remarks were finable in these days of free criticism, Biddeford could soon pay its city debt with the fines, and accumulate a large surplus. Such assumptions of dignity in our day would be treated with a large degree of levity, if

not downright contempt, and an action brought into any Court for such a cause, would provoke genuine hilarity.

The Chadwick-Coffin house, as some called it, on the corner of Hill and Main streets was built by Judge James Sullivan, an Irish emigrant, who came here previous to the Revolutionary war. He came to Biddeford from old Berwick Maine and poor withal, but he made his way by hard work and deprivation, and after a long struggle entered the field as a lawyer, and finally became a judge, and was also elected Governor of Massachusetts three or four consecutive terms. The old house has been much changed in its main part, but the ell on Hill street is said to be as it was originally. Mr. John Chadwick and Edmund Coffin, Esq. have been occupants of it, before the influx of the Irish in 1846. It is now in the Burns family, or was, when he was alive. Judge Sullivan was the author of a History of Maine, which is very comprehensive, and valuable. He died in Massachusetts.

The large house on the top of the hill, second from Hill street, was built by a merchant named McCobb, Now 1939 Torn down" who later moved to Portland, and in 1792 we find it occupied, if not owned, by Judge Prentiss Mellen, who also moved to Portland later, and was finally elevated

to the Chief Justiceship of the State. It has been asserted that previous to his removal to Portland, he lived a while in Saco, but I think he has been confounded with Judge Preble.

Dr. Ezra Dean owned it later. He had a great reputation as a physician, but he had also some cranky notions which he practiced on his own children. He maintained that children could be made tough and hardy by exposure, and in accordance with this view, he compelled his young children to go out in the snow barefooted before going to bed. The gravestones erected for several of his children do not sustain his theory. These houses are all French tenements now.

Opposite this house was the old Hooper house, built about 1748. The owner was the first Post Master in the two towns, and held the position until the office was moved to Saco, which place had begun to get a hustle on, when John Cleaves held the position. After the Hoopers came the Emerys and after them the Irish; later the Laconia Company purchased the land and house, and the latter was converted into a stable and moved onto the river wall, where it now is, looking like a fresh production. Stood on site of Power House

The old stone fort, built in 1693, was a few rods northwest of this old house, and in and around this old fort some of our grandparents lived, continually facing the cheerful prospect of having their scalp raised at very short notice. An Indian scaled the wall one dark night and putting his hand in to feel his way, it encountered the head of my great, great grandmother, who was then a young girl, and was sleeping that night in the garrison. The red skin immediately seized her hair and tried to pull her head to the window. Her shrieks brought a male member of the family to the spot, and Mr. Indian went down under the blows of a gun or club. The women of the present day have but feeble notions of the strenuousness of life in this section then.

There were some very old houses near where Number One on the Laconia is now, one of which was the Eliott house. It was lastly occupied by "Granny Lee," my great grandmother. Not far from it was a small graveyard, which,it was claimed, had a habit of yawning at uncanny hours of the night, greatly disturbing the neighbors. There used to be "clanking of chains," and other ghostly or hellish tokens. Of course this is

all true, because I have heard my grandmother say, that in her early married life, she used to go up quite often, and stay with "Granny Lee," who was her mother-in-law. The withered hags of superstition were very plenty in those days, and who can wonder?

The Eliott and Robert Gray houses were very old. Gray moved over to Saco, having bought the Scamman garrison, 1740, and Nathaniel Eliott and son Daniel were slain down near where the old meeting house in Biddeford now is. This was in 1746, before the church was built.

Here too were the Eddy and Cole mills, and farther up on Jordan's Creek was the Gooch mill. All the others had been carried away by freshets, or purchased by the Water Power Company. My grandmother Haley owned three days per month in the Gooch mill.

From the Eddy mill a very deep gulch ran back to what is now Lincoln Street. The Pepperell mill fronting on Lincoln Street is exactly over this gulch. The place was named Ram-cat Hill, the gulch Yeo-cat Gulley. In this locality within speaking distance from each other, the Leightons, Lees, Haleys, Stevensons and others.

Robert Stevenson, the old man, fell off the "Mack Bridge," and was drowned in Jordan's Creek one very dark night. He had been over to Smith's corner, and became corned. When he returned he walked off the bridge and was seen no more. He was the father of the late Capt. Wm. Stevenson, and Mrs. Fred Dunn of Saco. This bridge ran over from Gooch to Smith Street.

Yeo-oat Gulley drained a swamp, where the Hotel Thacher now stands. Piles had to be driven for a foundation to rest upon. Hotel Thacher was built in 1847, as was also the Hooper Block, Dudley Block and the Methodist church on Alfred Street.

Rev. Mr. Tracy built the fine brick mansion where Supt. Gibbs now lives, and Charles Gould built the brick house on Alfred Street, where his heirs now reside. At King's Corner, David King had built a house, as also Col. Goodrich, pronounced locally as "Guttridge."

Farther up the road was the little one story house of Hon. Geo. Thacher. He married Sarah Savage, and had quite a number of children, George, Henry, Phillip, Josiah, and Lucy, with others that didn't grow to manhood and womanhood.

Mrs. George Emery, widow of the late dry goods dealer of Biddeford, with her children, are the only members of the Thacher family here now. She was the daughter of Josiah and Jane (Scamman) Thacher. Her mother died a few years since at the great age of 95. Josiah, and Henry Thacher have both lived in the house formerly owned by J. R. Libby. Some say this house was the one the Judge lived in; if so, it was moved there after his death, as his house was on the spot where the "Atwood Home for Nurses" is. Judge Thacher died in 1824, his widow in 1844, at the Saco House. Henry Thacher became cashier of the York Bank, and lived in the Hamilton side of "the Dormitory." They had two sons, Parker and Walter Thacher, and I think, two daughters, Anna and Lucy.

The modest and unpretending residence of Judge Thacher was not much in keeping with his lofty character and fine attainments. The graceful symmetry of his daily life left not a single angle upon which could hang the chilling breath of slander. He left a reputation untarnished, an integrity unimpaired.

Saco and Biddeford may well be proud of what they gave to the outside world a century ago. Such

names as Sullivan, Mellen, Thacher, King, Fairfield, Brannan will ever shine on the pages of our history, and make them luminous. They were grand men, and true as steel.

However, there were pygmies in those days as now. But the high and low have "Faded away like the grass that we tread." When we call some of them either good or great, we have to wink at the muse of tradition. They can thank their stars that the pen and pencil of the venomous cartoonist of these days did not flourish in their day.

There is one more old house in Biddeford I failed to mention. It is the Rev. Paul Coffin house, Note situated on the corner of Franklin Street, as it turns toward Alfred Street. This house was hauled from Buxton many years ago. It is, or was the property of the Clifford family of Mason's Hill. It is now in a good state of preservation.

Ichabod Fairfield opened a store in Biddeford quite early in the last century, and lived in the White house for a time. Mrs. Samuel White, who owned the house, although very aged, was a walking encyclopedia of Biddeford history. In her last years she became totally blind,

but this didn't make her a whit less interesting. It didn't trip her periods, nor dam the flow of her reminiscenoes, which were not of the illusory kind, usual with old age. She kept up with the procession, and believed the times were progressive.

NOTES FROM JOHN HALEY.

North Street Above The P. S. & P. R. R.

The first house on the right hand side was built by Dominicus Jordan, son of Tristram, and Sarah Scamman Jordan. Dominicus Jordan married Jane Caroline Scamman, dau. of Aaron, and Jane Deering Scamman. They had no children.

The next house (Mrs. Fogg's) was built, or more properly speaking, thrown together, by Isaac Hinckley Scamman, son of Aaron, and Jane Deering Scamman. His wife was Sarah Olive Jordan, sister to Dominicus, above named, and the wife of Dom. was a sister of Isaac Hinkley Scamman. They left no descendants.

Both of these couples were extremely odd, and of very intensive piety? It is related of the good deacon Jordan, that he mat a trio of young men going up North St. one Sunday morning, on his way to church, and accosted them in a very tactful manner. He said "young men, you are going to Hell." one of them merrily replied,

"O no, we are going to Deep Brook, fishing," which so disgusted the deacon that his further power of utterance was gone. From our knowledge of the deacon, we should say that if he was to be in heaven, then the sultry place named, would be preferable.

The next house was built by Nat. Billings, who had fattened himself and his bank account by keeping the Saco poor farm both at Loudon and in its present location.

And speaking of "Loudon," it may not be known generally, where it derived its name. It came from George Dolby, who came from that section of Virginia, to Saco, and married Hepzibah Sawyer of Saco, in 1803. He was the grandfather of Hiram Dolby.

Charles Nutter built the one now owned and occupied by Fred Sawyer, painter of carriages etc.

Joe Hooper built the next one.

Chas. Fred Nutter built the next one, which he now owns and occupies.

The present "City Home" for "indignant poor" as one old lady said, was built by Mr. Wm. Scamman, a prosperous farmer of Saco, whose son Frank Scamman, was the author of the parody on Longfellow's "Excelsior," entitled "Top Side Galow." He composed it while in the U. S. Navy, in Chinese waters.

The next house above the Poor Farm road was built by the family of Samuel Hooper, whose daughters still live there. One of his sons, Albert Hooper, committed suicide by hanging. This seems a fitting climax for a man, who had become enamored of Sarah Kimball, of Union St. Mr. Hooper's widow lived to be 93.

Next above the Hoopers was built by Herbert Milliken, who died many years ago.

Elder McCann built the next house, and later it came into possession of his son-in-law, Charles Morrison, a shoe manufacturer, who moved away long ago.

The brick house now occupied by Jesse Smith's family, was built by Wm. N. Perry, who later built the wooden house on North St. next below H. P. Cobb's house.

Above this is the Cleaves house, built on the Robert Bond farm.

The Smith tavern and the David Libby house are not as old as their style indicates. They long since passed from the original owners, who are dispersed.

The large house that formerly stood a few rods above the Jenkins road, was built by Capt. Iohabod Jordan, son of Col. Tristram & Hannah (Goodwin) Jordan. Capt. Jordan married Polly Coffin, of the Ferry road family.

He and his good wife both lived to a ripe old age. Lawrence Jordan, the youngest son inherited this homestead, but wasn't able to maintain it, and sold it to Simon H. Milliken, station agent of the P. S. & P. R. R. at Saco. Mr. Jordan moved across the road into the older house of his grandfather - Col. Tristram Jordan, who had moved to this estate of his soon after the Revolution. He died, Nov. 1st, 1821, aged 90 years 5 months & 8 days, full of honors, and having the respect of all his townsmen.

Above Deep Brook, on the western side of the road, is the old house of Nicholas Dennett, and is now held by some of his descendants. His son, Nicholas Jr., owned a farm on the east side of the road, below the Jenkins road.

The Jenkins road is named after Mr. Thomas Jenkins, who settled in there quite early in the last century. He married Priscilla Dormer. They came to Saco from Gardiner, Maine. He died 1870 at the age of 102 years. He never owned a horse, nor rode in a railroad car, but always used oxen. His old house long ago fell to ruin.

Below Col. Tristram Jordan's and the railroad there were only two houses in 1824, Samuel Bryant's and Thomas Dyer's, the latter a short distance above the Shadaghaee road, which in the earlier times, was called the "Jordan Mill Road." There was then no New County road, and this road was the one leading from Buxton road to Col. Jordan's mill where the present New County road crosses Deep Brook. Mr. Samuel Scamman Jordan, son of Tristram Jr. had a tannery on the western side of this road, which then terminated a short distance above the Jordan house on top of the hill, about at the point where there is a road or lane connecting with the road into the Boom road.

Below Col. Jordan's and the P.S. & P RR, on the west side of Buxton road, were two small houses owned by Samuel Bryant, and Thomas Dyer. They disappeared many years ago.

Below the railroad line and Spring lane (now Elm St.) there was only one house for many years; this was the Samuel Scamman garrison house. Occupied lastly on that spot, by Dea. Samuel Scamman. The house was on the site of the present Geo. Sawyer house, and was bought and moved to Spring road by Mr. Stephen Sawyer. Later it

was owned and occupied by Mr. Edward Tucker, whose wife was Dorcas Jordan, youngest daughter of Col. Tristram Jordan. Mr. Tucker while in business, built the brick house on Pleasant street near the Woodbury brook. Sometime after, there was a general smashing of the Tuckers. Jonathan's wife held a mortgage on the brick house, and having lost his house on Main Street, she foreclosed the mortgage on the brick house, and they went there to live, while Ed. Tucker took the old house on Spring road. The last years of Ed. Tucker were devoted to wandering around town picking up stray bricks, hoops, and all manner of bric-a-brac of this kind, and when he died there were in his barn bricks enough to have built a small house, and about a ton of old iron hoops, nails, spikes, and things innumerable, most of them of little use. He lived to be over 80, his wife reached to 90.

Mr. Stephen Sawyer, who built the large house now owned by his grandson Geo. Sawyer, formerly had a house on Water street.

All the territory between the railroad and Spring lane, was in a more or less wild state, and with the exception of the Scamman garrison, there were no houses west of Spring lane previous to 1824, and there

were not more than three or four on the eastern side of the lane.

The next house on North street, below Sawyer's was built by Sherburne Tilton. This was the house now occupied by Mrs. Joseph Libby. It has been much changed by its present owners. John M. Noyes lived there after Mr Tilton's death. Mrs. Tilton was Nancy Page of Saco.

Later, Judge Frederick Green built a small one story house below Tilton's, which house has been moved to Union Street.

Judge Green, as I remember him well, was one of the finest men one could find in travelling many leagues. He was cursed with an ungovernable appetite for strong drink. A perfect gentleman, a kind and just man, except to himself, I have heard him sentence a delinquent, with tears running down his cheeks, and with choking voice, always administering a piece of good advice, and sympathy. But with all these attractive personalities, he went down into the narrow valley, as he had lived, by strong drink. He had descended so low in the scale, as to have no home only the dirty room he called his office, and for food, anything he could catch onto. His last feast was a dish of hasty pudding, which

he mixed with rum, instead of water. This was his last tribute to his enemy, and when the morrow's sun came up, he had passed from earth. He was a brother of Dr. Henry B. C. Green, and of Bowen Green, the latter a peculiar character, although of good ability. He wore a long cape in lieu of an overcoat, and a straw hat most of the time through the winter. At one time he was Post Master in Saco. I think he was never married. Dr. Green moved to Boston, and died there. And here endeth the Greens.

280 The Hartley house on Main Street was built by Capt. Solomon Coit, whose wife was Hannah Jordan, daughter of Col. Tristram Jordan. Capt. Coit first lived on what is now Storer Street, probably in the old house of his father-in-law, as we find a committee meeting of some kind was called, to meet at his house. His wife's two sisters, Olive Storer, and Sarah Scamman lived there too, in a kind of family neighborhood. The Hartley house is not therefore as old as some suppose, although over a century and a quarter. Capt. Coit died there, and his widow married a Capt. Perkins of Kennebunk. Capt. Samuel Hartley purchased it about 1799. He married Hannah Fairfield daughter of Parson John Fairfield. Both of them lived to a ripe old age. I remember well Capt. Hartley's

Capt. Coit died in the West Indies 1798

old wagon, built somewhat after the manner of an old time ship, "with a high poop deck." This old relic was stored in his barn many years after he had passed away, by his son R. F. C., who had a wonderful veneration for ancient things. After the decease of the family - the house came into possession of J. O. Bradbury.

No longer standing. The Landing location

1792 The Shannon House next above, was built by Daniel Granger, a merchant of Saco, who later moved down east, and died there. His wife was Mary Jordan, daughter of Col. Tristram Jordan, and sister to Mrs. Coit.

Mr. Granger was not especially fortunate in his descendants, their mental equipment was in some degree juggled. One became violently insane, the other less so. The latter was a whilom musician, poet, and artist, who found it very difficult to assimilate with the common herd. His daughter is a victim of the disease known as "garrulous," and is much gifted with small talk. She admits "the weather is bad," but hastens to divest herself of any responsibility in the matter. She also indulged the amiable fiction that she is an artist, of much merit. Conditions are such that her tribe will not increase.

1830. A meeting was called in Saco, to see if the town would build a road from Common Street to the house

of Capt. Nathaniel Crosby. This was the old Kendrick or Pike house, now standing on the hill at the western end of Gray's Court.

Capt. Crosby married Mary Kendrick, daughter of Noah Kendrick, son of John Kendrick the shoemaker, who died in 1825, aged 95.

The next house, toward Common Street, was built by John Adams, cobbler. His wife was Elizabeth P. Kendrick, a younger daughter of Noah.

The next house on the same side of Gray's Court, was the house of Aaron Wood, a baker.

The old house that was on the corner, was built by Benjamin Hall, the father of Joseph & Wiley Hall.

Mrs. Hall was Sarah Wentworth, daughter of Parker Wentworth, and Mehitabel Coit. So Amasa Wentworth, and the sleek Joe Hall, were first cousins, and descendants of Col. Tristram Jordan.

1830

David H. Cole was an auctioneer in Saco, later he betook himself to a larger field of operations, even Portland.

Phineas Pratt opened a classical school in Saco. Terms $3.00 per quarter. Board at $1.00 and $1.34

per week. It cost something to live then.

Zeb Howard was running a tin knocker's shop on the corner of the monument lot, next to North & Elm Streets. James Moody, son of Capt. Edmund Moody, was running a cobbler shop in the same building.

Ichabod Goodwin Jordan was practicing law here. He afterward moved to Berwick and passed the remainder of his life there.

Ben Mason had a tailoring establishment on Main Street, opposite the Manufacturer's Bank (now the Saco National) which was then in the rear end of the building. The bank building is on the ground once a part of Capt. Seth Storer's front yard on Main Street. He died in Richmond, Va., 1821.

Jerry Gordon, of Hollis, came to Saco, and purchased the tavern of John Cleaves on Common Street. Col. Charles Hayes had been running it, but a new one having been built on the opposite side of the street, he leased it and began business again. This new one was a three story wooden building, with a high brick basement. It was called the Pepperell House, but later the name was changed to the American House. Both hotels were burned.

1830.

This year George Scamman was run for Congress, but not elected.

Among the prominent deaths this year was Rev. Nathaniel Webster, Parson Merrill's successor in Biddeford. He died in Portland, aged 81.

Mr. James Coffin, on the Ferry road died, aged 86. He was the father of Mrs. Iohabod Jordan.

Alexander Putnam, a printer died suddenly, aged 36. He had been in business five years, and built the house on Storer Street, next to Capt. Tristram Storer's.

This year Supt. Robert Rogers advertised for timber to be used for beams in the new York mill. The old mill was burned in 1829. The new one was of brick.

March 19th, 1829, the following town officers were chosen

John F. Scamman, moderator

Ben Pike)
)
Geo. Scamman) Select Men
)
Cotton Bradbury)

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School Committee this year

George Packard M. D.

George Scamman,

Frederick Green.

Money raised for schools $1600.00.

Rufus Banks kept an inn in Saco, known as Banks' Tavern.

John P. Adams offers his house and land on Middle street for sale.

March 21. A meeting was held at the office of Ether & John Shepley, in the Shepley & Thornton block (next to the Stone store,) for the organization of the York Company which, up to this time had been called the "Saco M'f'g. Co."

Charles Bradbury,

C. W. Cartwright,

George Thacher & Jonathan King were chosen as directors.

Samuel Batchelder was chosen Agent. Mr. Batchelder occupied the old Cutts house on the hill, and didn't find it beneath his dignity to make an honest penny by keeping boarders. That he prospered is evident

as he built a two story brick block, like the present Cataract block, between the latter and the present Water Power block. This block with several others on the opposite side of the street were burned in the great fire of 1849. Agent Batchelder also erected the two tenement house in from Main Street next below the Gen. King house. This his two sons occupied for a time.

Abner Blaisdell came to Saco, and went into the grocery business in the store lately occupied by James G. B. Snow, who had gone South for his health. He died there. His wife was Mary Elizabeth Nye, daughter of Major Samuel and Eunice (Cutts) Nye. Mrs. Snow lived to be 95, the same age as her gr. grandmother Cutts, nee Curtis.

Mr. Blaisdell married 1st Mary Putnam Cleaves
2nd Hannah C. Cleaves
3rd Julia Woodsum, daughter of Jabez.

James B. Ross set up a gun shop in Pepperell Square.

Edward S. Moulton engaged in the making of watches and clocks. His store was in the Pleasant street end of the Leland block. He lived in the tenement over the store. Mr. John Chadwick married two of

Moulton's daughters. David Fernald married another, and one died single.

1831.

Calef and Pratt were running a tannery on Storer Street, a part of which is now the residence of a descendant of Moses Emery. This has been mentioned before.

Zechariah Shedd was keeping a store where Chas. Deering now is, but not exactly on the same spot.

F. W. Sawyer was keeping a dry goods store on Main Street. He wasn't in business long. It has been claimed that he built the house next below the Dormitory, but I have it from good authority that one of the Cumstons lived there in 1825.

Daniel Cleaves, son of Daniel and Sarah (Fairfield) Cleaves, was keeping store in the old stand of Cleaves & Tucker. In Owen's Old Times in Saco "Cleaves & Totore," near the bridge to the Island.

Jonathan Tucker, occupied store at the corner of Main and Storer Streets.

John F. Scamman, Thomas Cole and Daniel Cleaves dissolved partnership. They were in the building now owned in part by Mr. Scamman's grandson.

Benjamin Dunn was a deputy sheriff.

Mark Huntress, Thomas G. Odione, James M. Deering were in business on Pepperell Square. Joseph G. Deering was also in business somewhere about this time, and locality.

1832.

The town called a meeting to see if it would vote to make Indian Island, a separate school district. The promoters were "given permission to withdraw."

School Committee

Rev. Samuel Johnson, Rev. Jason Whitoomb, Dr. Geo. Packard.

The First Company of Infantry was organized this year, with officers as follows-

1st Co. Capt. Ed Cleaves,

2nd " Capt. John Skillings,

3rd " Capt. Greenleaf Thorne.

In rear of the old Thornton block, on the east side of Main street, near Free, was a court, called "Thornton's yard." This yard had an entrance between the block and the old Saco House lot, and another entrance on Free street. Moses Woodsum had a store on one side of this last entrance. On the other side was the oldest house in Saco, without any doubt. It was

said to be an old Scamman house, and must have been moved there, for Free street hadn't been made but a few years. If it was a Scamman house, there are reasons for believing it may have been the old Scamman-Gray garrison house, just off Gray's Court, near the John Gowen house. This yard with all the buildings on Main and Free streets were destroyed by fire in the fall of 1846 (except this very old house, which became inhabitable except by vermin, and it was demolished about the close of the late war. Sometime in the 70's Charles Sands built the tenement block now covering the site of the old house, and a small one next to it on the eastern end.

Free street, had at one time several stores on the part first built. Its extension from Middle to Wharf street was a later propostion in 1825. Its lower part then was a lumber yard.

1834.

School Committee

Rev. Samuel Johnson, Dr. George Packard, Mr. Joseph Leland.

Voted for support of schools $1800.00

DYER LIBRARY
Saco, Maine

1836.

The Militia commanders chosen were

1st Co. Capt. J. M. Goodwin

2nd " Capt. Benj. F. Cole

3rd " Capt. David Tuxbury

1837

School Committee.

Lauriston Ward, Wm. P. Haines, Rev. Wm. Horton.

1839.

The town voted to build Main Street from Papperell Square to the river, and also to build a stone arch bridge over the river, where the present Main Street bridge now is. Another meeting rescinded the "stone arch bridge," and built a wooden one. A pice of short sightedness that has never been accounted for, in view of the fact that they had an example of the value of a stone arch bridge at Smith's Corner, which has never had a dollar expended on it, except for a rail, and once it was widened six feet, for the convenience of the increasing travel. It has been in existence over 75 years.

destroyed in 1877

1838.

School Committee, Wm. Horton, Moses Emery, Frederick Greene.

Committee raised to contract for the stone arch bridge

Samuel Batchelder

Josiah Calef,

Jonathan King and Jonathan Tucker.

1840

Temple Street run out.

School Committee

Rev. Ahira Jones

Dr. George Packard, who had now moved into the Tucker block on Pleasant street. He lived at one time in the present Baptist parsonage.

1843

The new bridge at the Main Street crossing was carried away by a freshet, the largest one next to the freshet of 1812, which swept away nearly all the bridges on the river.

1829.

Jonathan King and Lauriston Ward were doing an auctioneer business in Saco.

John Fairfield was an attorney.

James M. Deering offers for sale his stock of goods at No. 3 Pepperell Square.

Lauriston Ward has 9 h'h'ds of rum to sell.

Jonathan Tucker, Jr. Treasurer of Saco.

Isaac Emery assigned. He also had a store at Smith's corner, later kept by Tristram Jordan of Biddeford, and still later by the late Rishworth Jordan, of Saco. The Bean Bros. have a large building on this spot.

Main & Storer St.

The Maine Democrat & York County Advertiser published weekly, Joshua M. Young proprietor, published over Saco National Bank, built in 1827.

Elisha Hight's house and stable advertised "to let," by John Spring or Geo. Thacher.

This property was on the corner of Middle and Common Streets. Hight was a harness maker and stable keeper. He later built a house on Middle Street.

Timothy Washburne had a tailor shop four doors west of Hayes' Hotel, the old Cleaves House.

Mark Huntress had a store at No. 3 Pepperell Square.

Jurors' List in 1837.

*Abner Blaisdell	John M. Batchelder
*John Boothby, Jr.	Nathaniel Burbank
Ootavius Barrell	*Samuel Batchelder
*Thomas H. Bly	James Lord
*Amos Chase	*Ben F. Cole

*Daniel Cleaves
*Josiah Calef
Robert Cleaves
*Thomas Cutts, Jr.
Isaac Deering
*Thomas Dyer, 3rd.
*David Fernald
Samuel Feachum
Nathan Hopkinson
*Rishworth Jordan Sr.
*Tristram Jordan
Abner McKenney
*Enoch Moody
*Joshua Moody
Jonathan McKenney
*John P. Mellen
Samuel Moody
*Abel Hersey
*Rufus Nichols
Phineas Pratt
John Ricker
Daniel Smith
Fred W. Sawyer

Daniel Cole, Jr.
*John Chadwick
*Thomas Cole
*Benj. Grant
*James M. Deering
*Abraham Forsskoll
James Fogg
Wm. Frost
*Samuel Hartley
*Samuel S. Jordan
*Nathan Leonard
*Daniel Milliken
*Edward S. Moulton
*Jesse Makepeace
Joshua Maxwell
*Samuel Milliken
*Joseph Hill
John Calef
*Benj. Patterson
*Joseph M. Hayes
A. F. Simonds
*Daniel Smith, Jr.
Gilbert Sawyer

*George Scamman	*Tristram Scamman
*Gideon Tucker	*Geo. Toppan
*Jonathan Tucker	Jonathan Tucker, Jr.
*James B. Thornton	*Timothy Washburn

I have known all of these men whose names have a cross before them.

Some statistics from the Diary of Benjamin Simpson, a Revolutionary soldier, who lived in the last house on the right side of Wharf Street, next below the railroad bridge over Wharf Street. There was in the early part of the last century a victualling cellar under this house. The Simpsons kept ship yard boarders. Later they bought a farm on what is now called the "Simpson Road." Benj. Simpson was the father of "Eben and Joshua."

Simpson's Diary.

Aug. 1782. Heavy frosts this month, enough to kill corn stalks, the 20th, 29th and 30th.

May 30, 1783. Excessively hot.

Oct. 23d, 1785 - Sunday, great freshet.

" 24 " Went to "Falls," bridges gone, Frost at Little Falls.

Oct. 25, 1785 Freshet 7 or 8 feet higher than ever.

Oct. 26th, 1785 Water began to fall.

May 24th, 1790 Three cold, frosty nights, flax killed by frost.

June 22nd, 1794 - Sunday, at home, several frosty nights the week past.

June 5th & 6th, 1801. Frosty nights, killed corn.

May 16, 1814. Rainy, rainy, rainy, great freshet, carried away logs and bridges, mills.

May 17th 1814 Went to "Falls." (Saco)

This was what all the old residents called it. Instead of going "down town," they always went to "the Falls."

Went to the Falls to see what damage was done by the freshet. Great jam against Col. Cutts' bridge, and the Poor House bridge gave way, and went over the Falls, destroying the "causeway," and knocked down Mr. Kendrick's shop. Kendrick was a shoemaker, whose shop was in rear of the Bowers Block. The Causeway was that portion of Water street connecting with Main Street. Col. Cutts' bridge was above the present Post Office, and Poor Island was the Town Farm then. It had on it two houses and two barns.

May 18th, 1814. Went to Salmon Falls (Buxton) Bridge and three mills gone. One mill at "the Bar" gone, and two or three houses.

Nov. 28, 1814. A very heavy shock of earthquake in the evening.

May 19th, 1815. Great snowstorm

Sept. 23, 1815. A very heavy wind at N. E. then at S. E. heavier still. Blowed up by the roots very large trees, and broke many others large and small.

July 9th 1816. Water and ground froze at night. Frost this morning, east and west through this part of the country.

Aug. 16th, 1816. Great frost at night.

May 29, 1819. Spring's bridge and mill gone.

March 18, 1822. Roads dryer and harder than in summer.

April 25th, 1827. Bridges gone in many places.

Aug. 29th, 1828. Very scalding sun, so as to scald or bake apples on the ground.

Feb. 21st, 1829. Factory and boarding house burnt at Saco Falls. Saco Mfg Co company

March 28th, 1843. Rainy, which settled the snow to the tops of the fences, which were covered before the rain.

April 7, 1843. The tops of the fences just seen, many not seen.

May 1st, 1843. A very great freshet on Saco river. Many mills and bridges gone.

April 7th, 1843. Some of the people living at the Ferry in Saco attended a funeral at Old Orchard, and walked over on the crust. The snow was over the tops of the fences, and frozen so hard they didn't break through.

Here endeth the extracts from the Simpson Diary.

Jeremiah Boothby built and occupied the house on Wharf street, next to the railroad bridge, on the right hand side of the street. He was keeping a store on Main street somewhere between Water street and the river, in 1815, but not on that portion of the street now occupied by stores, for this was not in use until 1837, when the town voted a bridge at this point on the river. Previous to this time the land sloped to the river as it does on Water street, at the old drinking place, in rear of the building occupied by the late Arthur F. Wentworth, as a second hand furniture store. This land was town land, and should be held, or restored to its rightful owner, if it has been forfeited. The road to Col. Cutt's bridge passed here, until the new bridge was built. The Town voted to build a stone arch bridge here in 1837, but later rescinded this vote, and erected a wooden one. This bit of land was known as the "Mill Brow" and here was where Main street began when laid out to the "Middle Line" - 1718.

Built 1816

The house now (1913) occupied by Mrs. Charles Dennett was built by David Buckminster, who had a cabinet maker's shop in the lower story, and lived in the second story. It was purchased by Mr. Oliver D. Boyd, Superintendent of the York Manufacturing Company, and remodeled for his use; later it came into possession of Cornelius Sweetsir, who changed it still more by adding a Mansard roof, and moving it around. After his decease it became the property of C. H. Dennett. There is a bit of ancient wall between this and the next house above.

339 Main St.

→ pharmacist business 198 Main St.

Cotton Bradbury built first a house on Mill street, which was removed to the lot in rear of the old Pepperell House (later the American House) near the lower end of Middle street, where it is now, as a tenement house.

Mr. Bradbury kept store in Saco in 1815 and later built a fine house on North street, where his family all died, the last one being his youngest daughter Eunice, died in 1902, at the age of 74. The late John C. Bradbury, who was for many years cashier of the old York bank, was one of his children. He was a teacher in the old high school when elected to this position of cashier of the York Bank.

Edward Cotton owned a house once standing on the hill in the York Company's yard, overlooking the river. His driveway was from Gooch street near the end of the bridge, passing between two ancient oaks which long since disappeared, a sacrifice to the demands of business. This house had an extensive view, covering all the territory now filled up with the mills on both sides of the Saco.

Samuel Dennett, a tanner, came here about 1756 from Kittery. He had a tannery, and also a saw mill, at the western end of Causeway (now Water street.) He had a landing for logs on the upper side of Elm street, then called "Spring Road, or Lane." This landing is public property, and is called by his name. An attempt was made some years ago to seize this opening but was frustrated by the Mayor, Willis Emmons. In digging for a sewer some years ago, some old tanner's implements and some old scraps of leather were found as well as some of his old vats, all in a good state of preservation.

The Thornton Inn was built by Moses Emery, Esq. and his brother-in-law, T. G. Thornton. It was on the site of the new Saco & Biddeford Savings Building. It formerly contained two stores, one in each end, with a

passage way between them, making an entrance to the rear. Later, after Thornton Avenue was laid out, another block was built in the rear of this one, called the Thornton Block, a tenement block, removed later for a more desirable building. In the old house was a hall and tenements, one of which was occupied many years by "Gill Thornton" as he was generally known.

Dr. John L. Allen owned and occupied this building for a long time, and later the whole building was given up to a boarding house, on tenement being occupied by the family of Jerry Gordon, after the York Hotel was burned.

There is so much of Saco that is connected with the early history of the last century, that one can hardly mention a building that is not in some way identified with this large and influential family, the Thorntons.

The first Thornton house to command attention is the residence of Marshal Thornton, which was situtated on the west side of Main street, opposite School street, built sometime between 1793 and 1800. It was a large, hip-roofed house, of good style. At this time Thornton owned the land from Main street to Spring road (now Elm street) and many acres in other parts of the town. When

his oldest son James B. married, his father added an extension in the rear, and here the family began to grow. Twelve children was the result of this union of Thomas Gilbert Thornton and Sarah Cutts, daughter of Col. Thomas and Elizabeth (Scamman) Cutts. All born in this house, and most of them reached maturity and were identified with the growth of the town.

When Marshal Thornton died in 1824, he was buried in the field in rear of his house, and was laid away in the most secure manner. His body was sealed in a lead casket, and this was covered with several other cases of wood. After his widow's death in 1845, his remains were removed to Laurel Hill cemetery, the old grave was left open for years after, until the locality began to be sold for settlement.

About the time Cutts Avenue was laid out, the old house was removed, the front part town down, the rear portion was moved to Cross street, and is now a tenement (1913)

The "Thornton House," the hotel, was originally a dwelling house, built by Foxwell Cutts, eldest son of Col. Cutts, who married for his first wife, Sarah Scamman, daughter of Col. James Scamman, a Revolutionary officer.

Corner of Main St. & Thornton Ave (Music Theatre Block)

Mr. Cutts was a merchant of Saco for years, and owned much shipping. In the war of 1812 he was nearly ruined, and lost his fine mansion on Main street. It became the property of his brother-in-law, Marshal Thornton, and after his death, 1824, Mrs. Thornton removed from her old home into the more spacious and elegant house of her brother, who had died in 1816, and here she thought to entertain Gen. Lafayette on his way from Portland, but the fates decreed otherwise, as he went over to Capt. Spring's by the Spring lane, leaving Saco in the lurch, which must have been a great oversight for Saco was a town worth seeing, compared with the insignificant route his escort chose.

Mrs. Thornton had prepared a banquet and reception suitable for such an occasion, and had the viands on the table, but they were not for the gallant old Frenchman, who was unaware of her intentions and preparations. The banquet remained untouched by Lafayette, but other arrangements paved the way for some one to enjoy a portion of it. In the town at that time was a coterie of "young bloods," who made away with a lot of the nice viands surreptitiously. Entering the rear of the house they made merry and the table which

was "groaning under it's load of luxuries," was soon relieved, and the groaning transferred to other regions, even the stomachs of John and Dick Hartley, Quin Scamman and Joe Leland, and "If legend states his actions truly," Gil Thornton led the way. I have conversed with some of those Saco urchins, who, in their old age, were still chuckling over this event of their early days.

After the death of Mrs. Thornton, 1845, the house was remodeled into a hotel, and was first class in every respect, and was a great ornament to the town. Its destruction by fire in 1850 was a great blow to the town.

Here the famous "Ned Clemens" appeared, and conducted a bathing house, and had something which was dignified by the name of museum, but it was like a "rookery" without rooks. After the fire he set up the like establishment in the basement of the old brick block at the end of the Main street bridge, where he did business until his removal to Old Orchard, whose glories he predicted, and which he partially saw fulfilled.

The William Cutts house was on the site now (1913) occupied by the Dyer Library. It was a two story hip-roofed house with brick ends; had a very long ell, and a large barn, with all the appurtenances of a farm, which was the business Mr. Cutts was engaged in. A small lot

or field was sold to the town, and is occupied by the City Hall.

The Dyer Library was built in 1892-3 and was occupied by the library in November, 1893. It was a gift to the city from the estate of the late Mrs. John C. Bradbury , as a memorial for her husband, and is a great credit not only to the city, but to the donor's munificence. The first, and present Librarian was, and is John Haley, a member of a family identified with the early settlement of the town of Biddeford, where he was born, on the spot where the Pepperell counting-room now is. His assistant is Miss Nellie M. Smith, of Saco, transient, Miss Adelaide Haley, daughter of the librarian.

The brick dwelling house next above the library was erected by a distiller, named Curtis. Mr. Curtis was killed on a train of the first steam railroad running out of Boston. He stuck his head out of a window, and striking a post, or projection of some kind, was decapitated. Later the house was occupied by Dr. Packard, and also by William Batchelder, son of the Agent of the York mills. He married the youngest daughter of Marshal Thornton (Caroline). Later it was occupied by Jarvis Williams, who had a foundry on Spring's Island.

(Saco Valley Credit Union near Cross St.)

James Curtis house 1827

He cast the pipes for the S & B Gas Light Company. He also erected a fine house on the corner of North and Scamman streets, which was purchased by Mr. Rishworth Jordan, who passed the remainder of his life there. The Main Street Baptist Society now owns the Curtis house.

The Main street Baptist church is built on the site of a predecessor of the same name; it was built in 1875, the original structure was built somewhere about 183- , the society having worshipped in a small hall on Free street previously. Its first pastor was Rev. Ahira Jones, followed by Rev. Williams, Colburn, Keely, Wheeler, G. D. B. Pepper DD, Emery, Nichols, Tilton and Bamberg.

On the opposite corner of Cross street is the house of Capt. William Pike, a retired mariner, who passed the remainder of his life here. It was built by Nathan Atkinson about 1850, and is now (1913) occupied by the Misses Small as a boarding house.

The Moody sisters built, about the same time, the house now (1913) occupied by Dr. J. D. Cochrane. The names of the Moody sisters were Elizabeth and Sarah, sisters of William P. Moody, our late harness maker.

The houses next in line, now owned by Miss Sawyer, and Mrs. C. M. Moses, were built by the late James D. Patten, about the time of the Civil war, and the first one was kept in the Patten family until quite recently.

Mrs. Moses' house has been owned respectively by J. W. Burrows, C. H. Milliken, H. R. Jordan, and Charles M. Moses, and is now in possession of his widow. It has been much changed outside and in, it being built on the same lines as the Patten house.

The house now occupied by ex-Mayor Gilpatric, was built by the late James M. Burbank; the Rev. quack C. H. Webber, of "unhappy memory" came into possession by marrying Burbank's youngest daughter, Emma.

Mrs. Samuel Hall built the next house, and has occupied it all the time. Mrs. Hall has "many winning ways, to make herself disliked," and has always been an interesting phenomenon, but knowing her heredity, we are not surprised. Her grandmother was a Woodsum, daughter of Deacon Samuel Woodsum, but she doesn't resemble him.

The old "Nye house," so called was built by James Atkinson for a tavern, and up to the time it was

occupied by the Nye family had various uses. It had a hall in it, and it also had a shoe shop in it, kept by Eliakim Wardwell. He later built a house on Middle street, where the "Wardwell Home" now is, the old house having been moved to the lower end of Middle street for a tenement house. Mr. Wardwell's daughter, Mrs. Clapp, at her death gave to the city the lot, and several thousands of dollars for the maintenance of the institution now existing there, the plan for which was made by the late John S. Locke. At the time of the great freshet in 1814, Major Samuel Nye, who married the youngest daughter of Col. Cutts, Eunice, the family moved from Boston to Saco, they were held up in Biddeford by the loss of all the bridges on the river connecting the two places.

As they had become impoverished, Col. Cutts purchased the Atkinson Tavern, and made a present of it to his daughter. At the same time she pledged all her silverware to him, and it was in his possession at the time of his death in 1821, when she immediately came into "her own" by seizure, "before the breath was fairly out of his body," as another member of the family asserted.

The old house has many interesting legends

about it after it came into the hands of the Nyes, who were, to say the least, "peculiar," being very proud and unsocial, having few visitors, and made but infrequent visits. The "oldest inhabitant" would scratch his pate in vain to recall any time when he saw a window opened or the doors, except a mere crack, or when a funeral occurred.

When such was the case, a glimpse of something resembling frescoes was seen on the entry walls, which gave rise to the rumor that the old house was elaborately frescoed and adorned, but these illusions were rudely dispelled when the old house was opened to the public after the last of the Nye family had gone into "cold storage," and "no man knoweth of their sepulchre to this day." Mrs. Nye died in 1853, her husband, Major Samuel Nye, a surgeon in the war of 1812, died in 1826.

The story of the paintings in the hall is that an Italian tramp came along, and by some means became stranded at the Nye house, and the major, finding he was possessed of a nascent thrill of art, employed him to decorate the house, and gave him his board for the winter in payment. The paintings were simply a series of high colored daubs, representing military scenes. Among them,

at the head of the stairs was one representing the major on his return home from the war, meeting his little family. They were monstrosities of Art(?) but if the family had always lived as penuriously as they did in their later days, the man was not overpaid, although the work was execrable. The best one of the lot was a scene in the Arctic regions, depicting a Laplander driving a reindeer in a sledge.

Only two members of the family married. Mary, the oldest one,married a Snow, and the youngest boy Dominicus Cutts Nye, married a young woman whose name we do not remember. The Nyes had no gods except their grandfather, Col. Thomas Cutts, who was a special object of adoration. When he visited them, he hitched his horse to a particular board in the fence, and after his death this board became a special object of veneration, and was laid away for safe keeping in an old barn which was on the corner of North and Elm Streets. When this barn was burned, the board aforesaid was destroyed or stolen, whereupon one of the sisters exclaimed with much emotion, "They have stolen the board Col. Cutts hitched his horse to." This was the way they spoke of their grandfather. The loss of this board was a greater loss than the barn

and all the other things it contained.

Mrs. Nye was buried in a metallic coffin, although the family was "heinously unprovided for" in this world's goods, except a lot of real estate that was eaten up in taxes and interest, and was mortgaged all over. They were poor as the proverbial church mice, and proud as Lucifer, and it would not be far from the truth to say that the last of the family skirmished very near the starvation line; I have known personally of their being reduced to a half peck of meal as the last thing eatable in the house, although they had acres of land, which has since been sold for house lots. The old house was moved onto Clark street, and makes a couple of good flats.

On the opposite corner of North street is a plot of land called "Eastman Park," a misnomer, for it is in no sense a park, nor is there any good reason for calling it after this family. It is a triangular piece of land formed by the junction of Main, North and Elm streets, and in its early days was called "Buxton Corner." It was at one time crowded with buildings, and it is hard to convince that it could possibly contain so much, but it did, as I personally know.

It held an old house used for a tavern, a stable connected with the same, a dwelling house and store, in rear of the tavern,(called "the Exchange Coffee House,) and a dwelling on Main street on the upper end. All this was swept away by a fire, except the last named house, which was sold and moved off. The site is now occupied by a Soldiers' Monument, put up largely by the munificence of a private citizen, whose name has not been made public for obvious reasons. The City gave the lot and foundation, and it was dedicated Memorial day, 1907, Rev. Smith Baker delivering the principal address. The presentation speech was made by L. M. Binford, and speech of acceptance by the mayor, Dr. H. A. Weymouth. Building committee, Fred C. Bradbury, L. M. Binford and John Haley.

The style of monument and the legends are the choice of the last named. This monument has only one duplicate in the United States, which is in Pennsylvania, its cost about $2500.00.

372 The next house on Main street was built by the Rev. Jonathan Cogswell; builder, Sherburne Tilton, who lived in the house occupied by the heirs of Joseph Libby on North Street. It has been enlarged, and otherwise changed. Mr. Tilton married Nancy Page, daughter of

Daniel Page. The house of Parson Coggswell has been occupied successively by John Shepley, Dominicus Jordan, and Edward R. Bradbury. It has been changed to a hip-roof house, and enlarged somewhat.

The double house at the head of Elm street was built by Dr. Goodwin and David Ricker, and has been occupied by the Hamiltons, Lanes, Goldthwaites, Eastmans, Hobson and Place.

374 Next above the Bradbury house is the house built by Dr. H. B. C. Green, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. Samuel and Hannah (Fairfield) Hartley. Dr. Green died many years ago, leaving a noted successor in the person of his son, Dr. Green, a skillful surgeon. Mrs. Green lived to the ripe age of 92, leaving a very sprightly daughter, who came to a sudden end by falling down the cellar stairs. After this the house became the property of the Second Parish, and is used as a parsonage.

Miss Ellen Green was a lady of fads, and kept a house full of them in the shapes of dogs, cats, parrots and other subjects.

380 Capt. Solomon Coit, who married Hannah Jordan, daughter of Col. Tristram Jordan, built the Hartley house (so called). After Capt. Coit's decease, his widow

married Capt. Perkins of Kennebunk, and soon after it was purchased by Capt. Samuel Hartley. The children of this family (the Hartleys) were mostly long lived, and were permeated with great veneration for the old home, which was held in the family for a hundred years.

Capt. Richard Hartley told the writer that when he was a boy the field across the road was a piece of woodland, with only a narrow wood road down the center. In fact, the whole eastern side of Main street from the church, which was built in 1806, was woods and pastures; not a house was to be seen up the street except, perhaps, the house of the Phillips family, situated about where the house of Frank C. Deering is now, and no house was to be seen on the west side of the street until we came to the Moody tavern,(later called the Barrows house) recently destroyed by fire.

The house now owned by Parley S. Bragdon was built by his father, but is now owned by the occupant.

42 C The next house, that of Carle Parcher, was moved from the corner of Main and King streets. It was formerly owned by Mr. Oliver Welch, an overseer in the York mills. After him came Charles Lewis, who moved there after his house was burned; said being situated on

the lot between J. G. Weymouth and S. C. Parcher.

Mr. Lewis was engaged in the manufacture of bricks, and had a yard in rear, which has extended to its present proportions under various other parties, and is now absorbed by the Saco Brick Company. The house in question, after being moved across the street by R. S. Boulter, has been remodelled, and was first sold to the late Will Edgecomb, later it passed to the Parchers.

424 Next, on the corner of Main and Fairfield streets is the residence of the late R. S. Boulter. It was built by Jonathan King, on the site of the present Paul Sands house, and was moved to its present site by Mr. Boulter, who resided there till his death in 1902. Mr. King was for many years a prosperous merchant of Saco, and built the building now owned by James W. Littlefield, on the site of John Brown's fort or garrison, which was standing there in 1710, eight years before Main street was laid out; the locality was called "Fort Hill," and it protected the small band of settlers who were running a mill on Blackman's falls. How long this garrison was supported is not definitely known. Saco was then simply wild land, with houses in sight, except the few clustered around the falls, which number

was not much augmented for a long time; the inhabitants had been mostly dispersed on account of the Indian atrocities commenced in 1675, and not then ended, although some of the settlers had begun to get back. Some traces of the foundations of Brown's fort have been discovered from time to time, when excavations have been made in the vicinity.

Mr. King married Margaret Hill, daughter of Hon. Jeremiah Hill of Biddeford. Mr. Samuel Pierson married her sister Sarah. Two of Mr. King's daughters married the late John F. Hartley (Martha Frothingham and Mary Desier King).

The Charles Hill house (moved to Fairfield street) was built by Capt. James B. Thornton, the oldest son of Marshal T. G. Thornton, who moved from there to Scarborough later, where he passed the remainder of his days. He married for his first wife Eliza Gookin of N Hampton.

The house now owned by the Tuxbury heirs was built by the late Moses Emery Esq. He married Sarah Cutts Thornton, a sister of J. B. Thornton. They lived there until about 1850, when they moved to Storer street, where they resided the rest of their lives. Mr. Emery

lived to reach the age of 86. Mrs. Emery reached 92. She was one of the young ladies who are mentioned in connection with the "Peace Ball" at Cleaves' tavern after the close of the war of 1812. Miss Betsey Thornton, the other young lady mentioned married Mr. William Cutts, her cousin.

On the J. B. Thornton farm is the Thornton Academy, a Thornton benefaction largely; originally it was the Saco Academy, and was situated near the location of the Unitarian vestry. In consequence of its endowment of a half a township of land by Marshal Thornton, its name was changed. The original academy was destroyed by fire in the fall of 1847. This old academy had turned out some distinguished men, Governor Fairfield, Hon. Hugh McCulloch, Sec. of the Treasury; Hon. Richard Cutts, and quite a lot of others more or less distinguished, and its loss was a matter of much regret. There was a small fund left, which was so well managed that in less than a half century it had increased to a sum sufficient to build and endow the new one; some other bequests helping to swell the fund to good proportions.

Col. Charles Cutts Googin Thornton, grandson of the Marshal, left $50,000.00 for a Manual Training school,

and his widow and daughter have given a splendid Library building. Mrs. Thornton was a daughter of Josiah Calef, late of Saco. sister of George Calef who married a Thornton

The house next above the Tuxbury house was built by Samuel Storer, who came over from Biddeford after the water power was sold in Biddeford to a company of outside capitalists in 1840.

Mr. Storer lived at one time on the high land in rear of the Biddeford City Hall, on South street. He also had a blacksmith shop in rear of the Laconia counting room, near the site of the old stone fort built in 1693. He married Aphia Woodsum, daughter of Deacon Samuel Woodsum of upper Saco very near the Buxton line. Later this house was purchased and somewhat changed by Dr. Edwin P. Bradbury, and is now (1913) owned by Mr. Fenderson. Mr. Storer lived to be over 90 years of age.

The large mansion house next in line was built by Capt. Nathaniel Soamman, brother of Col. James Soamman. Mr. Soamman married Sarah Jordan, daughter of Col. Tristram Jordan. Capt. Soamman died March 23d, 1820; his widow, Sarah, died Aug. 29th 1838. The property then came into possession of their son Hon. George Soamman, who married Elizabeth Atkinson of Buxton Corner.

After their decease it fell into the hands of their son, Nathaniel, and later to their son Henry, whose heirs now hold it. Henry Scamman married Miss Francesca Allen, daughter of Dr. John L. and Sarah (Elwell) Allen.

Charles B. Sands was the author and builder of the architectural specimen next above the Scamman mansion. It has passed into the hands of Dr. Shannon.

George Lord was also guilty of perpetrating another eccentric structure, which was allowed to go unfinished because the elections did not go to suit him, and he declared he would never finish it until a democratic president was elected. Before that came to pass he had lost interest in the matter, and it remained a by-word until quite recently, when he was too old to care who was elected.

The two story house next beyond was a part of the Jonathan King house, moved there and enlarged by Charles Milliken, who run an express line from Biddeford. It was raised and a story put under.

The small house next in line was built by Oliver Deering. He was a peaceful citizen, as he was deaf and dumb, and his wife was the same. Although he never quarreled, he was not altogether without pugnacity,

as he pummeled a neighbor, who also was deaf and dumb, very severely one Sunday morning, because he picked a bunch of grapes that hung over the fence between them. This chastisement showed Major Bicknell that he was to recognize the distinction between meum and teum, and he became so disgusted that he moved away from such an inhospitable locality. This property is now occupied by Deering's daughter Annie. who died in 1932

The Haley house next to this was built by the family of Mr. William Haley, who married Betsey Bryant of Biddeford. Mr. Haley and wife died a few years ago, at advanced ages, and the place has changed hands several times since.

The old house known as the Barrows house, was built by Mr. William Pepperell Moody, who came from Kittery about 1760. It was a tavern is his day, and for years after. Mr. Moody married Elizabeth Scamman, daughter of Lieut. Samuel Scamman & Mehitable (Hinckley) Scamman, who owned the Scamman garrison, situated on the outskirts of civilization in 1736, the period of its erection. This couple had a large family, and they were a skillful family as carpenters and builders. There was Edmund, Joshua, Enoch, William and Samuel, and it would

be impossible to find in our dominions another such a family, in the matter of buildings and improvements.

They helped build nearly all of the older churches in Saco, and a goodly number of residences in the town, nearly all of which are still standing, and no one need be ashamed of any of their work.

There is a pump on the opposite side of the road which has been used as a watering trough for near 150 years; this pump was placed at the junction of the old stage road from Gray's Point to Portland, and the new road to Portland, now Main street. I have traced the old road from the Ferry road to the pump, before it was obliterated by various changes. This was the road before Beach street was built.

The old Stephen Scamman house occupied the present site of the house of Capt. Thompson, the old one being now on Moody street. It is suspected that this old house was the house of the father of Stephen, as the latter was never married, and was a most inveterate hater of the fair sex, and has been known when he was asked by one of them for a ride, while he acceded to the request, to turn himself around back to the lady, and dangle his legs over the rear wheel of the wagon. "Greater hate hath no man than this."

Beyond this old house on Moody street was the house of Capt. Edmund Moody, a son of William Pepperell Moody. He died in 1829, aged 64. Some years later it fell into possession of the late Thomas Leavitt, and lastly into the hands of the heirs of Alexander Googins, and was quite recently destroyed by fire. This old road was a part of the road from the Portland road to the Buxton road in the old training days. The picture of the old training field executed by the late Charles Henry Granger is said to be of the last muster on that field, and some of the figures are said to be good portraits of some of the old citizens of those times, especially of old Tom Sam Brannan.

Next beyond Moody street on the same side is the house of Isaac Waterhouse, a ship carpenter of some note. He had a large family, mostly boys, and they were nearly all carpenters and good workmen.

Beyond the railroad over Goose Fare brook is the house of Mr. Isaac Scamman, who was a brother of Elizabeth (Scamman) Moody. He was born in 1743 and married Sarah Elwell of Saco. He and most of his family are buried in a plot in front of the house, a few yards from the Portland crossing of the railroad. His daughter Margaret

married Thomas Haley in 1799, and moved to the Boom road, where they passed the remainder of their lives. "Madame Haley" is remembered by some of the older ones of that vicinity as a person of some pretensions, never forgetting that she was "a Scamman."

Beyond this old house was the Osgood tavern, so called, opposite the junction of the Old Orchard and Portland roads. This old hostelry was built by John Fitz, a former resident of Front street, where he had a chair shop.

Coming towards Saco on the east side of the street, just before reaching Goose Fare, is the Tapley House, owned for many years by the late William Haley, who married Betsey Bryant of Biddeford. It has been changed and enlarged since by some later owners.

Over the brook, and on the hill, is the old Deering place, owned by the late Enoch Deering for many years, and later by Nathan Tarbox and his son Granville. It is now owned by Frank Bradbury.

On the Ross road are the old Ross and Cole houses, the former being the old Phillips house, moved there by the father of the Ross family, who married Rachel Morse Wheelock of Hope. The Rosses were a queer

people, and had many uncanny ways to attract attention and ridicule.

On the corner of Main street and the Ocean Park road is the house of John Waterhouse, owned by the heirs of the late Walter Knight. This Waterhouse also had a large family, all deceased long ago.

Below this is "the Ark," built by Frank L. Hobson, and if we had a "Bartlett's folly," we have too a Hobson's folly, and a more monstrous one; both proved the financial downfall of their builders. This house cost a fair sized fortune, and none but a rich man could run it as it should be. It finally fell into the hands of Charles Stockman, for whom it has proved a veritable "elephant," and his finish is thought to be only a matter of a few months, both physical and financial.

Below the Lamb house is a Moody house, now owned by C. L. Milliken. It formerly occupied a site just above the P. C. Sands house. It was occupied many years by the Thomas W. Shannon family, and was partially consumed by fire, and was purchased by the late Henry Sosmman and moved and repaired by him. Joshua Moody was the owner and builder.

Next below this is the Enoch Moody house, sold

later to Charles Trull, who moved to Chicago years ago. It is now the property of Luville Hill.

The house now owned by Dr. Burnham was built by Ebenezer Scamman, brother of Stephen. He was different from the latter in that he was married twice, his last venture being Mrs. Sarah (Wentworth) Hall, widow of Benjamin W. Hall. Mrs. Hall was a daughter of Parker Wentworth, and was well connected.

Paul C. Sands built the large Mansard roof house where his son Orrin Sands lives now. The building of such a house by such a man was a piece of foolish ambition, and caused him much sorrow and annoyance. He had a good house and should have "let well enough alone." It is in the grasp of a man who will not let go his hold. It is large enough for a tavern.

William T. Perkins recently built a house on a portion of the original Sands lot, as has also Dr. Minot. The architect of this last house was George E. Haley, as he was of the Capt. Thompson house and several others.

Below King street (named for Jonathan King, whose land it traversed) the house on the corner was built by the late Charles B. Sands, architect Charles Jordan of Chicago, but a native of Saco. It is owned

by S. C. Parcher, bank man.

On the vacant lot, a part of Parcher's, was the house of Charles Lewis, formerly a brick manufacturer, who made a large part of the brick the mills are made of on the Saco side of the river. Daniel Dresser was a partner of Lewis for years. The Lewis house was a two story house, and was burned many years ago.

The house of J. G. Weymouth was built by John Cole Cunnings, who afterward owned the house of Dr. Goodwin, at the junction of Main and Elm Streets, now owned by Mrs. Place.

The house on the corner of Main and Summer streets was built by Thomas M. Hayes, son of the Deacon. He moved to Boston many years ago and died there. It was owned later by John Gilpatric, whose daughter still has a claim upon it.

From Summer street the Hartley field fills the space to the residence of F. C. Deering. It was bought a few years since for an orphan asylum, but it is considered an unsuitable situation for such an institution. In the days of the Hartley boys, John and Richard F. C., it was covered with a growth of woods. This was before the building of Summer street, otherwise it has changed

but little, except the selling of a small portion of it.

Below this house is the house of A. H. Gilman, built by Mr. Jonas Tibbetts, a shoemaker of Saco. It has changed hands several times, and the following parties have severally owned it, Col. Frank Kendrick, Jason W. Beatty, Edward Eastman, Rev. Hines, and lastly A. H. Gilman, and is now owned by his widow.

The fine church on the corner of Main and Beach, occupies the site of the old First Parish, built in 1803-4 & 5, dedicated in 1806, and destroyed by fire in 1860. The present edifice was erected two years later, and is a fine specimen of architecture. The only one like it is in Andover, Mass., so far as is known. It has been ornamented in late years by several memorial windows for old time members, and the Hon. Richard Cutts Shannon, a man of large wealth, now living in Rockport N. Y., whose grandfather Dr. R. C. Shannon was a prominent member and deacon, has presented the church with a $15,000.00 organ, one of the finest in the State. His brother Charles W. Shannon has been the organist for a half century. This church replaced the first church built on the Saco side of the river about 1762. The first pastor was the Rev. John Fairfield, who settled

here a young man, and served many years until incapacitated by loss of sight. He was succeeded by Rev. Elihu Whitcomb. Parson Fairfield was the grandfather of Governor Fairfield of Saco. He had five daughters and one son. Ichabod Fairfield married widow Sarah Scamman, nee Nason. Elizabeth Fairfield married James Scamman, by whom she had two sons, the late Hon. John Fairfield Scamman, and William Scamman. After Mr. Scamman's decease, she married a Storer of Wells. Hannah Fairfield married Capt. Samuel Hartley. Sarah Fairfield married Daniel Cleaves of Biddeford. Another of the daughters married a Titcomb.

South of Beach street, on Main, is a house which was formerly a small candy shop. By whom built is not known, but one of its first occupants was Thomas Fowler, who was a cripple, and who later taught school in the brick building on Beach street. Later Mr. Eliphalet Nott, who was paymaster on the York, bought it and converted it into a dwelling house, and lived there several years, leaving it to go to the house on North street of his father-in-law, Hon. John F. Scamman.

Mr. Nott married Martha Ann Scamman, who

survived her husband many years, dying a few years ago at the age of 82.

The next house below was built by Mr. John J. Billings, and was later bought by Amos H. Boyd, Agent of the York Company, and was improved by several additions. Later it became the property of Mr. Charles Patten, paymaster on the Water Power. After his decease it was owned by Franklin Cole Adams, who heirs now own it, the Misses Haskell.

The next house, Dennett's, was built by Buckminster. It was formerly a cabinet maker's shop, with a tenement above. Mr. Oliver Boyd, Superintendent on the York, bought and remodelled it for his own use, and lived there while holding this position. Later Mr. Cornelius Sweetser bought it, and made further changes in it, adding the Mansard roof. The heirs of C. H. Dennett now own it.

The large mansion house next in order was built by Mr. Joseph Leland, a Saco merchant, who came here from Little Falls, now Dayton. He married the daughter of Mr. Richard King of Scarborough, Dorcas King, by whom he had several children, ten in all, among which was our late townsman, Joseph Warren Leland, a

sometime legal light; whose handsome countenance, and fine ways captivated more juries than his legal acumen; and his fine features grew finer with his age.

The elder Leland completed this house in 1803, except the ell and stable on the north side; these were added years after when the house was divided into two tenements, one being occupied by "Pepp Cole" as a boarding house, and the other by Capt. James B. Thornton. This house was one of four of the fine houses of the town at that time. The house was so large that it was often mistaken for a tavern, and Mr. Leland was subjected to much annoyance on this account, so that as a relief, he built a house on his back lot, on Middle street, now owned by Mrs. John S. Locke, and here he resided until his death which occurred in 1839, at the age of 82. In addition to these houses, he also built, in company with Mr. John Chadwick, the block now owned by D. F. Littlefield and others. The old mansion has been occupied successively by Henry Thacher and B. F. Hamilton on the one side, and by Dr. Berry, his daughter Mrs. Dr. Dennett, and Warren C. Goodwin.

The next house was built by some one not known to deponent; some claim it was built by Joshua Cumston, others by Dr. Shannon, some by Fred Sawyer. The latter certainly lived in it, and probably built it, as both Dr. Shannon and Cumston built houses on Middle street and lived there. Judge Preble at one time lived in it, and Judge Mellen is also mentioned as having done so. Fred Sawyer, a Saco merchant, was the next if not earlier, and about 1850 it was occupied by Mr. Rufus Nichols, Agent of the Water Power shop. His daughter married the late George A. Fairfield. He was followed by John Shepley, Wm. Henry Smith (otherwise River-smith) and Dr. Kimball, Mrs. Bryant being the last owner.

On the next lot, now covered by a brick house, built by the late Dr. Jeremiah Mason, was the house of Capt. Thomas Cutts, son of the colonel. He lived at Biddeford Pool in the summers and at Saco in the winters. This house was occupied by Judge Preble at the time of the declaration of Peace in the war of 1812-15, and the house was illuminated with candles on that occasion. This fact may be taken as a denial of the story that he lived in the house above, which was probably not built at that time. After Capt. Cutt's decease this house was

moved onto the back lot on Middle street and made into two tenements, one occupied by Mrs. Cutts and daughter, and the other one by her son Thomas, 3d, who married a Calef and moved away some years later. It was also occupied at one time by Tristram Scamman, cashier of the Saco National bank, until his death. Mr. Scamman married Lucy Storer, daughter of Samuel, Mrs. Cutts and her daughter Mary Elizabeth occupying the other side during the remainder of their lives.

Next adjoining the Hartley field is the fine residence of Mr. F. C. Deering. It was built by his father Joseph G. Deering, a prosperous merchant and lumber dealer of Saco. This house is mostly of stone and brick, and is the best and finest house in the city; and was said to be the most costly in York county at the time it was built, and time has given no good reason for changing this estimate of its value. It stands as firm as the character of its builder, who also contributed several other specimens of good architecture in the two cities, and except for the fiery element they will stand as long as anything in the cities.

The house below the Mason house was built by Mr. Daniel Page, and is the oldest house in Saco, on

the east side of Main street. Daniel Page died sometime previous to 1800, his wife followed in 1803; his daughter Rhoda died in 1799. Sherburne Tilton married Nancy Page in 1803. Tilton built the house now owned by widow Betsey (Otis) Libby, and her daughter Miss Belle Libby, a teacher in Thornton Academy. The Page house has been occupied successively by Charles Dummer, Rev. Timothy Dwight, John Fenderson, Whiting, James Towle, Horace Hall, and is now owned by Mr. Rowland Hill, who came over from Biddeford, but remained in business there for years after.

The house now owned by Ed. Willson (1903) was formerly an old board shanty, moved up from the Ferry, where it was used by Capt. Richard Leavitt, for making "Bristol Brick" for scouring purposes, out of sand. It was moved there not less than 60 years ago, and was finished off for a school room, which was kept by a Mr. Chadwell for a fitting school after the Academy was burned. Later a school was kept there by Miss Moody, daughter of Enoch Moody. It has also been used as a library building, and was remodelled into a dwelling house by John Sweetser, a shoe man, and nephew of Cornelius Sweetser. The Willsons have owned it since. They purchased of Dr. Maxey, who moved to Washington,

and died there.

On the corner of Main and School streets is a large tenement house, which was made of the old blacksmith shop of Mr. Benjamin Pike, Esq., who later built himself a residence in rear of it on School street. This latter was built about 1817. Mr. Pike was town clerk of Saco for some years. He died at Augusta Jan. 14, 1832. His daughter Sarah P. married Thomas T. Moulton of Dover, N. H. At the time it was a blacksmith shop in 1848, it was occupied by Levi Abbott upstairs, and by a blacksmith named Dame, who was found dead one morning, having frozen to death one severely cold night.

Mr. Pike represented Saco in the legislature in Portland, before the state house was completed at Augusta.

On the opposite corner of Main and School is the fine mansion now owned by the heirs of the late John Berry, who moved over from Biddeford some years since. It was built by Mr. Jonathan Tucker, whose wife was Hannah Scamman, daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Jordan) Scamman. Before he built the site was occupied by a house owned by one Toppan, who kept a fish market

there. It is suspected that old Toppan who lived so many years on Toppan's island, otherwise called Nigger Island, was his son. The latter married Martha Johnson, daughter of William Johnson of Saco.

Samuel Bradley, an eminent lawyer from Buxton, purchased the house some time in the 40's and lived there until his death which occurred about 1850. His wife was Jane Lane, daughter of Col. Lane of Buxton, and was a most estimable lady, as was her husband a gentleman, with one destroying habit which ruined him.

This house has been occupied successively by E. R. Wiggin, who married Bradley's daughter Sarah Jane, one of whose sons, "Sammy," was the first husband of Kate Douglas Wiggin, an alleged literary celebrity. The late Francis Warren Rice, for many years our Minister to Mexico and other southern countries, owned it for several years. It was also occupied by Frank L. Hobson, who removed to California.

The house next to the Tucker house was built by Gen. Cyrus King, somewhere near 1800, and is a pattern of an English house seen by the general when he was Secretary to his brother at the Court of St. James in London. Gen. King was married to Hannah Storer, daughter

of Capt. Seth Storer of Storer street, Sept. 2, 1797. Returning from England he settled down to the practice of law in Saco, and was successful as such. He was sent to Congress from this district, which was then in Massachusetts. There he was noted for his elegant and forceful oratory. He was Major General in the Massachusetts Militia, and was in every respect an ornament to his town and state. He died in 1817, and was buried with high military honors. He was the son of Richard King of Scarborough, and a brother of Mrs. Joseph Leland of Saco. The heirs of the late Horace Woodman now (1913) own it.

The two tenement house in the court off Main street, next below the King house, was built by Samuel Batchelder, agent of the York mills, for his two sons, John and William. Later stores were built in front, and the old house went into obscurity, from which it never emerged.

Another old building was on the place now occupied by what was the Sweetser Shoe Shop. It was built by some of the King family, and was long the property of the "King sisters," so called. It has been so changed that it would not be recognized by those who

knew it in its old state.

The stone and brick store next, on the corner of Main and Free streets, was built by Mr. Tristram Hooper, who also built the house on Middle street, opposite the garden of Mrs. John S. Locke. It was built in 1824. Mr. Hooper kept a store there and succeeded in business. He married Elizabeth Cutts, daughter of Richard Foxwell Cutts, and Elizabeth Cutts, daughter of Col. Cutts. This building was enlarged some years after the war by a man named Woods, who started a broom factory there. It was not a success. The building is now clad in mourning on the Free Street side.

From the other corner of Main and Free streets the land has been filled with buildings of a nondescript style and character. The fiery elements have tried in vain to remedy this evil, but did not succeed until this last fall when it made a clean sweep, and under the present law they cannot build any more fire traps.

The Saco House also succumbed to this last era of destruction, and is a mass of ruins. This house was of a pleasing architecture, and was a building of which the city was justly proud. It occupied the site of an old wooden tavern, which was moved off by piecemeal, to

different parts of the town, and converted into dwellings. One is on Middle street, and another on High street, both in a good state of preservation. The structure just destroyed was built in 1837 by Mr. Rufus Banks, the contractors being Messrs. Cutter and Toppan who built most of the oldest of the York and Pepperell Mills, and they were constructed on honor.

Next below the Saco House was the York Hotel, built by Elias Pike. It was once enlarged and remodelled, and was one of the noted landmarks of the town. Its front was covered with piazzas to the fourth story, and gave it an unusually attractive appearance. Our first recollection of its proprietors was "Jerry Gordon," who kept it for several years. He was a typical boniface, or what has been denominated a "jug-bellied runt," and a jolly one. He was also notoriously profane, and would fill the air with a cerulean tint at the shortest notice, and sometimes without any notice. He married in 1818 Polly Woodsum, daughter of Deacon Samuel Woodsum of Saco. Their son Daniel Gordon continued to run the house some time after his father died. Later it was carried on by Silas Gurney and Asa Wentworth, the latter having both this and the Saco house under his management for some

time. The old house was burned down flat sometime near 1870, and has been succeeded by a modern structure, built by Capt. William F. Pike, and later purchased and remodelled by the Odd Fellows.

The old bakery, built by Samuel Moody, occupied the site of the present Salvation Army barracks. It was a three story building, end to the street, and was consumed at the time the York Hotel was burnt.

The three story brick building next in line was built by Moody and Shepley. It is a substantial structure, and that is all the merit it can claim. Many lawyers have occupied its second story. The third was occupied many years as a printing establishment, the Maine Democrat being published there by Alpheus A. Hanscom, a man who was as bitter as a Quassia cup.

The old stone building on the corner of Main Street & Pepperell Square was built in 1817 by James B. Thornton, a cousin of Capt. James. The granite of which this building is built, was brought from Lyman. It was not then allowed that the granite in Biddeford's hills was suitable for building purposes, or anything else useful, except as filling. All buildings having finished granite material in their construction, previous to 1828,

in Saco and Biddeford procured their material in Lyman or other places other than Biddeford.

Thornton married Ruth Sewall of York, Maine. He died in 1825.

This store was at first kept by Thornton, later by John P. Mellen, Mellen and Wakefield, Littlefield & Richards, and for many years by J. Q. Sawyer, who was succeeded by Thompson & Casseboom.

Between this and the southern corner of Mill street, is filled with a series of monstrosities, built without any regard to looks, or convenience, except the two nearest to Main street. The rest offers every facility for another healthy and vigorous fire, which would be a god-send to the city, and all people will turn their eyes in this direction when they pray "deliver us from evil."

From Mill street to the bridge is not much better than the one preceeding, and only God's mercy has saved us in the past from a great calamity. In this row some of our old time citizens of quality were engaged in business. Mr. Daniel Cleaves, Sr., and Josiah Calef also kept store on the corner. Zechariah Shedd and Abner Blaisdell and Silas Gurney have occupied the build-

ing next to the corner. Hill & Tuxbury used first a building which had been the toll-house for the bridge that preceeded the present Main street bridge. The present building, now the property of Charles Hill's heirs, was built over only a few years ago, after this firm went out of business.

In 1800, there were no buildings on this little bit of Main street, except a few across it, a continuation of Mill street to the road running to the old Cutts toll bridge, in rear of the buildings on the west side of the present street, which was not built until some time in the 30's, when Main street was straightened out and a new free bridge was built. The town voted to build a stone bridge in 1837, but immediately resoinded the vote.

All the buildings on the east side of the street on Cutts Island were built after the new bridge was built, as also all the buildings on the other side, except the old mansion house of Richard Cutts, which stood in rear of the York Company's new store house on the corner of Main and Gooch street. After Mr. Cutts left this region, the old house became a factory boarding house, and was so used for many years, after

which it was taken down and set up in Biddeford, where it is now, a four tenement house. This and the Edward Cotton house were all the houses on that side of the island. Western corner of Alfred + Washington Streets

Col. Cutts had built his mansion house on the hill, which was finished in 1762, and the first house he built was at the foot of the hill, and is there now (1913) near where the old Cutts bridge crossed the river, also his store now used by the York Company.

There was an old machine shop on the left side of Gooch street, which was burned about 1835, and the York Company built in 1840 two large boarding blocks on the spot, and Mrs. Small, who had kept boarders in the Cutts house, was one of the first occupants. She was from Rumford Falls. Mrs. Page also took one of them. She was the grandmother of the present Agent. E. E. Page.

On the west side of the extension of Main street to the new bridge was formerly covered by much the same style of architecture as that on the east side, but later gave place to the new Sweetser and Berry blocks, leaving one on the corner.

Water Street (formerly Causeway street) at one time the only one connecting lower Main street with

Elm, was built in 1772. It was a simple causeway for the convenience of the people in this vicinity. It was a continuance of Mill street. Stephen Sawyer was one of the first to build a dwelling on it, very near where the old Distillery building now is. Later Capt. William Henry Gains, who moved here from Portsmouth, built a large house, which stood here until quite recently, a nuisance for many years, a kind of bed-bug and vermin incubator. Later his son, John Gains, built on a lot next to his father's house for himself, and for a long time the western tenements in it were occupied by Mr. Cornelius Sweetser and Elias Boardman, who had moved here from some Massachusetts town, and were in the shoe business in the store which, up to that time, had been occupied by Mr. Benjamin Shreeve in the Deering block. This must have been the Shreeve of Shreeve Crump + Low

Next above the house of Capt. Henry Gains is a house built by Noah Goodwin, and another man (name unknown) It was later owned and occupied by the late "Gil" Thornton until his death, when it fell into various hands, and has been a great nuisance many years.

The Jameson house stood next for many years. It is now a "reminiscence." No good thing could live

on Water street in the last two decades, and this old rookery shared the fate of all its neighbors. Mr. Henry Jameson, who was a merchant in Saco some years, built it. His wife was Sarah Cleaves, daughter of John Cleaves, who run the old Cleaves tavern on Common street. Later this old hostelry was carried on by Col. Charles Hayes, Jerry Gordon, and lastly by Thomas P. Tufts. The latter tried to have a temperance house, and had the name of it, when all around him were selling rum as freely as vinegar.

In this old tavern was held the "Peace Ball" after peace was declared in 1815, a notable event in Saco, and was as follows:- The war of 1812, which grew out of the impressment of American seamen into the British service, was painfully disastrous to the prosperity of the country. It nearly ruined commerce, and paralyzed every industry. Both advocates and opponents of the war became weary of the contest, and when peace was proclaimed, the whole country burst forth in wild and tumultuous demonstrations of joy.

The treaty of peace was signed in Europe Dec. 24, 1814, but the news did not reach America until Feb. 17, 1815, during which time several battles were

fought with great loss to both armies. The news of peace reached Saco near the last of February, and the inhabitants of both Saco and Biddeford were not less joyous than the rest of the country. The old First Parish bell, the only one in the two towns, given by Col. Cutts, was rung for many hours, its deep tones mingling with the deafening echo of booming cannon (some of which Saco then had) and the shrill shouts of the jubilant populace.

On the 1st of April a "Peace Ball" was given in Saco in the hall of the Cleaves tavern, the only hall large enough to accommodate the crowd. This old tavern was on the spot where the late Electric Light station, and a part of Patten's block stands.

This ball was attended by the "elite" of Saco and Biddeford, and was indeed a swell affair, but there were then, as now, those who were conscientiously opposed to dancing, as will be seen by the following note in answer to an invitation to preceptor Haskell of Thornton Academy.

"Preceptor Haskell returns his compliments to Marshal Thornton, for his polite invitation to a ball, and requests, as a compliance with this invitation

would not be in perfect accord with his views and feelings, that he would have the goodness to excuse him. Saco, March 30th 1815.

No doubt the ladies of this present time would be pleased to learn what their ancestors wore, but as "fashion reporters" were not then the rage, we have only a few of the styles worn on the occasion. These were obtained from family traditions, and the testimony of one of the young ladies now living (1880), who was a participant in those festivities, Mrs. Moses Emery, nee Miss Sarah Thornton. The gentlemen appeared in the full dress of that period. Their coats were of blue, brown, green, or plum colored broadcloth, the collars and cuffs of these were generally of another color, either white or buff, and the buttons of rich gilt. All wore ruffled bosoms and waistcoats of silk damask, embroidered with silk or gold.

Though the young men had discarded knee-breeches, yet the middle-aged and elderly on this occasion wore their satin or corduroy small-clothes, with white or black silk hose, and gem-set or knee buckles. All army and government officials were in full regulation uniform.

The costumes of a few ladies are remembered. Madame Thornton, nee Sarah Cutts, wife of the Marshal, wore a pale yellow satin, and rich lace.

Madam Tucker, nee Scamman, wife of Jonathan Tucker, wore a pearl colored bordered robe of twilled silk, and a vandyke of nun's lace.

Madame Nye, nee Eunice Cutts, and wife of Major Nye, wore a white satin, with overdress of white India mull, embroidered with gold, at the neck and sleeves Brussells lace, an heirloom which had been worn by her mother, Mrs. Thomas Cutts.

Major Nye appeared in full uniform, armed "cap-a-pie."

Madam Cleaves of Biddeford, nee Sarah Fairfield, wore a cream colored brocaded silk damask with gold lace.

Miss Betsey Thornton, later Mrs. William Cutts, wore a pale blue satin. Miss Sarah Thornton, later Mrs. Moses Emery, wore a delicate pink satin. The fabric for these dresses had been taken from a British vessel which an American cruiser had captured. Nearly all the dresses worn, especially those worn by the younger, were made in the courtly fashion of the time, with low corsage and puff sleeves.

The large colonial house now occupied by Miss Adelaide Jordan, was built by Capt. Seth Storer, who married Olive Jordan, daughter of Col. Tristram Jordan. The house was finished in 1798, and is a fine specimen of the architecture of the period. When it was built there were spacious views in every direction except towards the river, where there were a few old shacks, and a sawmill, and the residence of James Soamman, built about 1740, and the house of his sons Colonel & Nathaniel Soamman, a third tenement being occupied by Elisha Ayer. In this house were held the first Methodist services in Saco, the minister being Rev. Jesse Lee. Later this third tenement was occupied by Mr. Iohabod Fairfield, father of the Governor.

Governor Fairfield passed most of his boyhood days in this vicinity and earned money enough doing errands to enable him to educate himself, and be able to hold several positions of honor, Governor, Representative to Congress, and United States Senator. It was while filling the latter position he died quite suddenly from blood poisoning. He was very much lamented.

I have conversed with an old citizen of Saco, who remembered seeing him as a young fellow playing

quoits on the vacant lot between the old distillery building on Water street and Storer street.

Capt. Storer died in Richmond, Va., in 1821, his wife many years later. After her death her son, Col. "Jack" Spring, who married their daughter Olive came there to live and died there. Col. Spring was the son of Capt. Seth Spring.

Gen. Cyrus King married another daughter, Hannah, and Reuben H. Green, for whom Green street was named, married Dorcas Storer.

Mr. Green later built a large house in Biddeford near the ship yard close to the Cleaves house. It is now changed into a flat.

Capt. Tristram Storer's son married a Gookin and built the house on the site of Col. Jordan's house, on the high knoll between Shannon's block and the residence of Mrs. Myra Foss, whose house was built by Alexander Putman, a printer who also published a weekly paper. He died quite young, and the house became the property of Hon. Amos G. Goodwin, who represented Saco in the early history of Maine. Mr. Goodwin was followed in this house by Nathaniel M. Towle, who was an insurance agent, and had an office in the rear part of the old

Mechanics, now the Saco National, bank. After his death the house became the property of Mr. Joseph Getchell, and through his son, Edward, fell into the hands of Mrs. Foss.

The next house on this side of Storer street was built by Mark Prime, an overseer on the York. During the war of the states, Mr. Prime was a quartermaster's clerk in New Orleans, and made some money under the Butler regime (and who didn't?) returning to his position on the York after his return. His only child, Mark Prime, is now the owner.

Mrs. Eudoxa Foss built the next one, and Thomas K. Lane, an auctioneer built the Sloman house. Beyond this was a lot of small rookeries built probably for the men who worked in the distillery of Dea. Hayes nearby.

Dr. John A. Berry built the one next to the brick one of John and Joseph Gilpatric. It has been changed into a two story house, and Dr. Berry bought half of the Leland house, where he and his wife died, as also his son-in-law, Dr. Roscoe Dennett. His widow, Mrs. Annie O. Dennett recently sold it and moved to some place in Massachusetts.

The house on the corner was built by Ben. Jacobs. Later he built the Joe Hill house near Hill street and Andrew MacMillan Spring occupied it. He was a civil engineer, and was, I think, a son of Capt. Seth, a brother to Col. Jack.

On the opposite corner of Storer and Elm, is a house built by Louis O. Cowan and Alpheus A. Hanscom. It was founded by them, but since confounded by one, Charles Foss, a somewhat eccentric gentleman, who seems to be given largely to experiments to see how much he could crowd under one roof. He has succeeded in making a building

"Whose incongruous frame
Confounds design and puts the arts to shame,
Where styles discordant on the vision jar;
Where Greek and Roman are again at war,
And, as of old, the unrelenting Goth,
Comes down at last, and overwhelms them both,"

exit Foss.

The next house on Storer street to claim attention is the house of Judge Emery, which was originally a tannery, owned by Calef and Pratt. It was then a field, and the street had not been extended any farther

than the house of Clement Storer, which is the house now owned by Miss Annie Getchell, and very much remodelled.

The Emery house was first changed into a large house with pitch roof. The earliest occupant I recall was Dr. James Dewey, alias ------, whose name I withhold because he has two children living in Saco, both highly respectable. When he came to Saco for some sprightly antics of his in a previous locality, he changed his name. He was an uncle of Admiral Dewey of recent fame?

He had not been in Saco long before he fell under a bad odor, as follows:-

A young lady, who was unfortunate enough to get snarled up with one of Dewey's pals, named Green H. Long, was brought to the house in a delicate condition, and the good doctor tried to relieve her by "ways that were dark," and illegal and caused her death. Something had to be done, and the couple devised a scheme of hiding all traces of the deed. They bound her to a large plank, and then pushed her into a brook running across the street, either to hide her until they could otherwise dispose of her, or hoping she would get floated

down into the river, but she obstinately stuck in the brook, exactly under the middle of the street, and in a few days her presence became known by a smell that aroused the whole vicinity, and a search soon brought to sight a horrible condition of things.

The body, although changed, was still recognizable as a person who had been seen around town quite often, and suspicion immediately fell upon Dewey.

A coroner's jury sat upon the case, in the old gun-house on the common, and the facts warranted a verdict of killing, and Dr. Dewey was tried for his life. He escaped the gallows, but was sentenced for life, but his health failed so fast that he was pardoned that he might come home to die. He died soon in "Bacon's Court," in the most abject poverty, as did old Dr. Stevens, who was said to have some criminating knowledge of the Parker murder in which the late Asa and Henry T. Wentworth were said to have a hand, and in Dr. Stevens' last moments some of the Wentworth family hovered over his bed, fearing that he might make a death-bed confession, although the court had not been able to convict any of the family.

The old gun house was later sold, and was moved to High street, and became a tenement house,

Mr. James M. Deering being the purchaser.

The fine residence of Miss Annie Getchell which comes next, was originally a story and a half cottage, built by Clement Storer, and was the last house on the street before it was opened through to Elm Street. Mr. Jonas Bradley, a merchant of Saco, who married Sarah Ann Spring daughter of Col. John Spring, was an early occupant. He didn't live but a few years, dying a young man, and much lamented, as we learn from those who knew him.

His widow married, in a short time, Mr. Daniel Cole, a merchant of Saco, who, with John F. Scamman, built the store below the York bank, now in the family somewhere, partially owned by R. H. Nott.

Next to the Bradley house is the four tenement house of Marshall Fenderson, built by Jabez Woodsum, a son of Dea. Samuel Woodsum. It was originally a large square building of one tenement with a hip roof. It was a grand mansion, and a credit to any street.

Mr. Woodsum married Eunice Tarbox, daughter of Loring Tarbox of the Ferry road. After his death the house was occupied by his daughter, Julia, who became the third wife of Mr. Abner Blaisdell. Jonas Woodsum was the

last of the family. He died a few years ago on his farm on the Simpson road, which farm was the original Dea. Woodsum place.

Pleasant Street.

The first old building on this street is the old Tucker Block, now a miserable old shanty, which ought to be razed, but is spared for a precarious income. Originally it was one of the show buildings of the town, and was a very ambitious attempt in the building line.

On the first floor were two stores, on the second a tenement for the proprietor, and a Masonic hall on the third floor, which is said to be the first hall of its kind in town, as it was certainly the largest. Mr. Tucker later moved to Portland and still later built a house in Scarborough. In this old building on Pleasant street were at one time several private schools, kept by Thomas M. Hayes, J. Q. A. Scamman and later one of the Coffins taught there.

The large house now occupied by heirs of the Grant family was built by John Calef, who, in company with Mr. Pratt, had the tannery spoken of in connection

with Judge Emery's house. Mr. Calef also kept a shoe store about where the York bank now stands. Before the Grants came into possession it was occupied by Mr. Oliver D. Boyd, Supt. of the York Company. He lived there until he bought the Buckminster house on Main street, before mentioned.

Harrison Cleaves, the father of our well known philosopher, Charles Cleaves, the carver of obituaries, who has made his mark on so many of the post mortem decorations in Laurel Hill, and "In lettered marble makes the stranger read, Of him, who dying did a noble deed," built the house now (1913) owned by the Smith sisters, dress makers. Mr. Cleaves married Ann Leighton of Biddeford, and Charles is the only product of this union.

Mrs. Charles Holmes was the last owner previous to the Smith girls. Mrs. Holmes was the daughter of Edward and Doroas (Jordan) Tucker. She died very recently at a good old age, the last of the many grandchildren of Col. Tristram Jordan of Saco.

The next two houses on this side of the street were built by Nathaniel Snow and Enoch Goodale. They have passed through many hands, and have been much changed.

The next, a brick house, was built by Mr. Edward Tucker, who was then a merchant in Saco, and was on the highway to success. Leter it became mortgaged to Mrs. Jonathan Tucker, Sr., and when misfortune finally overtook her husband, and they had to give up their fine Main street house, she foreclosed on this one, and Mr. Tucker had to vacate. At one time he lived in the Daniel Page house, now the residence of Rowland Hill. Mr. Jonathan Tucker married Hannah Scamman, daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Jordan) Scamman.

The only spot in Saco that has escaped the changes of time and circumstance, is the bit of land on the Woodbury brook side of this house. Between this and the store on the corner, the old oak tree on this spot stands a sentinel guarding the line between the old and the new in this section.

The buildings on the west side of the street are mostly of modern make, except Trinity church and the old residence of the late John Chadwick. An incident happened in old Trinity, soon after its erection; Capt. Seth Spring was an attendant of this church, and usually slept through the sermon. One Sunday, while the minister was holding forth, he brought his fist down

solid on the pulpit; Capt. Spring was aroused by the jar, and suddenly awakened from his nap, jumped to his feet and exclaimed,- "Did you mean me, sir?" much to the annoyance of his family, and the amusement of those less interested in the proprieties. No doubt the Captain relished the joke, as he was a jolly old bird, and was noted for his merriment, reference to which has been made in a poem by Judge Prentiss Mellen, in which he writes -"Here Spring is eternally gay." This trait followed the family; his granddaughter, the late Mary Spring, was a conspicuous example of it, as was her father, Col. Jack Spring.

Thornton Avenue and Cutts Avenue are all modern, the first being put through in 1840, and the last since the City Hall was built in 1856.

Cross Street was put through about 1825, and was rapidly built up. Samuel Moody, baker, and one time Post Master of Saco, built the house now occupied by his granddaughter, Miss Annie Moody. When Mr. Moody was Post Master, it was the custom to charge for postage by the quarter or whatever time might be agreed upon; there were no such things as stamps, and an account was kept with the regular customers. In 1829 Mr. Moody reaches a

stage where he has to prod the delinquents for the money due, and threatens to make it lively for them if they don't come up to the mark.

The old house next to the Moody's was moved there from Main Street; it was a part of the old Marshal Thornton house, built by him for his oldest son, James B. Thornton when he was first married, in 1816. It was in rear of the main house and attached to it. When it was removed or torn down, this addition was purchased by Seth Kendrick, Sr., and moved to this location. Here he died, and his son, Noah Frank, lived there till he died, when it passed into other hands.

Elm Street, Saco.

The first house from the bridge is on the site of one burned many years ago, a Sellea house. The daughter of its owner married William S. Lowell. After his death she allied herself with one, Anthony Littlefield of Wells, by whom she had four children, and then hung herself. The late Thomas Lowell, and Nathan, and Mrs. Geo. Meserve were her children by her first husband.

The three houses on the opposite corner of Lincoln and Elm were built by the late B. F. Cole, Albert Cole's father.

The next one, a brick one, formerly a one story affair, was built by Samuel Gould, an overseer on the York. Judge Tapley lived in it later. Tapley's first wife was a daughter of Ebenezer Cleaves, a shoe dealer on Factory Island.

The brick house on the corner of Elm and Green Streets was built by Dr. Benjamin Colby, who had an office and store next to the Water Power Block on York Square. Dr. Bailey occupied this store later.

On the opposite corner is the house of Capt. Benjamin Patterson, a mariner of some note. Their daughter "Donna" Maria was lost in some mysterious way, on a passage from New York to Fall River. This mystery was never unravelled.

The brick house next in line was built by Samuel Hodgson, who died very suddenly while fishing down the Saco bay many years ago.

Of the two next houses, one was moved there, the other was built by John B. Motley.

On the opposite corner is the fine brick house of Samuel Chase, a merchant of Biddeford. Later Geo. A. Carter owned and occupied it till his death.

The next house to this was built by the late

Charles W. Sawyer in 1845; in it, Mrs. Bradford had a brother killed by lightning, while doing carpenter work in it. It is now owned by Adney Fenderson, whose wife is a granddaughter of Mr. Sawyer.

The house on the corner of Elm and Temple Streets was moved there, but from where I am unable to find out. It has always, since my day, been a cheap tenement house.

Across Temple and Scamman Streets is the old Samuel Scamman garrison house, built about 1736. The upper story is the old part, the lower one being built under it. It was moved to this site by Mr. Stephen Sawyer, father of Charles W., when he built a new house on North Street.

It was first occupied by his son, Charles W., when he was first married to Hannah Berry. Later it was occupied by Edward Tucker, whose wife was Dorcas Jordan, a daughter of Col. Tristram Jordan.

Next to this is a house built by Ed. B. Huff, a Saco tailor, and after him Enoch Moody had it. His family all died there. His wife was a Chadwick of Biddeford.

The double brick house coming next was built

by David Ricker in 1849 or 50. Later it was purchased by Thomas Buckminster and Elias Boardman, who moved there from Water Street.

The house now owned by the heirs of Horace Thompson was built by John Fairfield and William P. Haines, who were partners-in-law. Gov. Fairfield later bought the Parson Whitcomb farm, and Mr. Haines moved to Biddeford and became the agent of the Pepperell Mills. His brother, Augustine Haines, was agent for the Laconia Company. Deacon Hayes bought the property later, and after him came Wm. Johnson, a merchant, followed by Charles H. Milliken, a curb-stone broker.

John Gains, another deserter from Water Street, built the next house about the war time. His heirs own it still.

Next is a house made of a Cutts barn, which was then in a field bordering Elm Street, or Spring Lane as it was called till about 1825, when it attained the dignity of a street. Sam. Whitten was the first owner that I knew. His wife was a Ladd. None of his children are left. Two of them went west and fell into the hands of the gentle red man, whose name in general is Lo. Both of these men were killed, one by being "skinned alive,"

because of his killing a squaw. Later Mr. Whitten built the house of the late Horace Hall on Cutts Avenue.

The next house with the iron fence, I am unacquainted with its history. It has always been a tenement house.

The next house, on the west corner of Elm and Vernon Streets was built by Aaron Tibbetts, who moved away from Saco many years ago. He was a brother to the late Levi Thibbetts, and to Jonas Tibbetts who built the Gilman house on Main Street.

The house on the other corner was built by C. G. Burleigh, merchant tailor, who was in Union Block on Factory Island, when that block was burned.

The George Buck house was built by Luke Gordon, whose wife was Hannah Woodsum. When the war between the States came, there were two young men (Marcus Gordon and George Burleigh) who desired very much to enlist. Their parents refused to give their consent, fearing they would be killed. Before the war was ended, they both died of consumption. A life out of doors might have saved them. Thus we see that sometimes when we seek to flee from danger, we run into it.

Next house to Buck's was built by Seth S.

Fairfield, a cashier in the Biddeford Bank. He married Phebe Lovejoy, a sister to Mrs. Willard, who, with most of her family, perished in the slide at the White Mountains about 1828. They had one son, Jason Fairfield. Cornelius Sweetsir bought the house later, and lived there some years previous to buying his last one on Main Street. Mr. Cyrus Bradbury bought it of Mr. Sweetsir.

The house on the corner was moved there by Obadiah Durgin.

The first house on the opposite side of Elm was the J. G. B. Snow house. He married Mary Elizabeth Nye. This little house was moved onto Union Street, and is there now, a tenement house.

Of the old houses, the Forsskol house was the next, on the corner of Elm and Cross Streets. Mr. Forrskol was a Dane, who came here a young man, and married a daughter of Nathaniel Ridlon of lower Beach Street.

On the opposite corner is a house built by Caleb Gilpatric, a Saco tailor. Since he lived there it has changed hands many times.

Around on Elm Street the next house was built by Ebenezer Bangs Knights. He married Olive Tarbox of the Ferry Road.

The next house was built by James Beatty, the tanner and leather dealer in the old York bank, or Saco bank building, corner Pleasant and Main Streets. His son and John Chadwick carried on the business later.

Oliver Freeman built the one on the corner of Elm and Cutts Avenue, now owned by J. M. Chadbourne.

Daniel Johnson built the one on the opposite corner.

On the corner of Elm and Thornton Avenue, the house was built by Albion Sands, who, like most of his family, "flew high, but lit in the mud." Marshall Pierce relieved him of this house, as he had also relieved Sands' brother Paul of his property. It was owned later by Weston Prentiss, and now by C. H. Cleaves.

The next house on Elm is the old Woodbury house, remodelled out of sight by the present owner Mr. Douglas. Woodbury's Brook was named after this family. Mrs. Woodbury, nee Sarah Bryant, was the grandmother of William, Charles and Jas. W. Littlefield. She died in 1850 at a ripe old age, much lamented because of her kindness of heart. I remember her distinctly. This house was a very old one when I first saw it in 1849, but I think it was moved there, as there was

hardly a house on Spring Lane (Elm Street) previous to 1825.

All the other buildings on this side of the street were built after this time, except, perhaps, the Ben. Jacobs house now on the corner of Elm and Storer streets.

Cross Street.

The house of J. S. Moody, in rear of the Baptist Church, was built by Captain Samuel Moody, a baker. He married his cousin, Hannah Rachel Barnard of Wells.

The next house was the old T. G. Thornton house ell. Moved there by Seth Kendrick, Sr., who married Sarah Banks, sister of the owner of the Saco House. They had several children, among them the famous "Liz" Kendrick, who played the trombone on her lips, without any other instrument. She was much in demand in her heyday at parties where music could not be afforded. Liz married Hen. Pugsley, of whom more anon.

The double tenement house, where Bradford lives, comes next. This was built by the Thornton brothers, James B. and Richard C.

The house owned by C. L. Bachelder was built by Abel Hersey, who kept a store near Pepperell Square. He also built the store next below D. F. Littlefield's, and which was occupied so many years by Sam. Chase, the grocer. Mr. Hersey married Mary Rolfe. His grounds extended to Main Street, where the Capt. Pike house now is.

The Burbank house was built by David H. Cole, an auctioneer and commission merchant, who later moved to Portland.

The next house, a small one, of two stories, was built by the late John Cole Cummings. He married a Peavey of Dayton.

Cutts Avenue.

All these houses are new, comparatively. The first one on the street was built by Stephen Tuttle, a ship carpenter. It was exactly on the site of the F. B. church. It now rests on Thornton Avenue next to the brick house of C. F. Smith.

George Frost built the one next to D. Johnson's, A. H. Chellis the next.

Humphrey Goodwin built the Dr. Haley house.

C. M. Littlefield built the next one. On the opposite side of the street, J. Q. Sawyer owned the one next to the jail.

Enoch Lowell built the Coker house.

The H. S. Hall house has been mentioned already.

Thornton Avenue.

Is a kind of architectural medley of which very little is now known.

Sarah Lowell, milliner, built the first dwelling house, now owned by Frank Nutter.

The next two were built by Leonard Emmons for sale. He built for himself the house now owned by the "smiling undertaker," F. C. B.-

Wm. P. Moody built the next one, and Moses Lowell and Orrin Edwards, of the firm of Lowell & Edwards built the brick one.

An old yellow school house was formerly on the site of the Marshall Pierce house.

The last house on Thornton Avenue, next to Elm Street, was built by Joseph Richards, whose son, Irving Richards, now holds it.

Temple Street.

This street derives its name from the fact that the first Free Baptist church was built out there where land was cheap. It covered much land, and having no steeple and no embellishments, it might easily have been mistaken for a barn. In the old days of this society, this church was the scene of much hilarity, and multitudes flocked there to hear the bonsmots and to see the antics of some of the more excitable ones. There were many and monstrous revivals, and frequent baptisms. I have known of a hundred and over being dipped at one session. Tracy Hewes, an old time wag of Saco, used to frequent the meetings, and sometimes took a hand in spurring some of the timid ones to relate their experiences, which were sometimes quite rich.

On one of these occasions, Tracy had coached a notorious character in Saco to do a little funny business. This fellow's name was Henry Bridges, and somehow he had obtained the sobriquet of "Nasty Bridges." On the evening in question, Henry asked the prayers of the church in his behalf, and in connection with this, related his experience, the manner of his conversion, etc. He said he had been addicted to all sorts of low deeds, drinking,

gambling, cock-fighting, and a host of other sins, all of which he had been enabled to give up for the sake of religion. The house was fairly swayed by emotion at this tearful recital of his former wickedness, and his determination to lead a Christian life.

When he sat down, the minister inquired, "Who is the brother who last spoke?" The voice of Tracy Hewes answered from the Amen corner, "His name is Nasty Bridges," whereupon the Reverend gentleman shouted with true Free Will Baptist fervor,"Bless God, Brother Nasty!" which remark was re-echoed from all parts of the edifice.

Later, when this religious body became more civilized, it bought the old Universalist church on Storer Street, and occupied it many years, until they took another jump ahead, and built the present structure on Cutts Avenue.

This old church on Storer Street used to have a theatre in its basement, and Mechanic's Hall has heard considerable drama, as well as religious doctrines.

Elders Peck and Graham, both shining lights among their clergy, and others not a few, turned out to be "wolves or hyenas in sheep's clothing," to the financial detriment of their flocks and others.

There are no really old houses on Temple Street, except some that have been moved there.

West, Pleasant Street and all the streets beyond are new.

Green Street.

Named after Reuben H. Greene, is a continuation of Storer Street, or practically so.

The first house next to Dr. Colby's on the corner, was built by Ebenezer Cleaves, a shoe dealer on the site of the one so long occupied by O. P. Greene. J. W. Burrows was Greene's predecessor. The old store was in a brick block, like the Cataract Block. It was burned in the big fire of 1849-50, at the time when all the buildings on the west side of the street were burned, except the old Dominicus Cutts house. At this time there was a brick building opposite Cataract Block, a perfect counterpart of the same, having stairs on the side going into the basement. A strong breeze from the North East was all that saved the west side of Main Street, which then was all wooden structures as far as the York Bank, and there is no doubt but what the flames would have lapped that up and what was between it and the Deering Block.

Next to Ebenezer Cleaves on Green Street was the house of Rufus M. Lord, a Saco merchant, who also kept the Saco House for several years. Albert Peyser married his daughter, and later owned the premises. Peyser kept a toy and notion shop where B. S. Lougee now keeps a store. Later he owned an express route to Boston.

The house on the opposite side of the street was built by Enoch C. Jordan, sheep skin tanner, and a man named Cleaves, Jordan's brother-in-law.

Shadrach Stacy built the next one, which is now owned by his son, Uranus Stacy.

The next one, on the corner of Pearl and Green, was built by Harrison Cleaves.

The one on the opposite corner was built by Theodore Stevens, a tin-knocker and stove dealer, whose store at one time was where Chas. H. Cleaves now keeps an obituary factory.

The building on Main Street, next to Cleaves, was owned by Geo. H. Adams, who kept store there. The old building was later owned by Moses Lowell. His son, the late Enoch Lowell, rebuilt it, with the present structure.

The Neal store, next above, was the store of Reuben H. Green, who married Dorcas Storer, sister to Gen. King's wife. Mr. Green lived mostly in Biddeford, near the lower part of the Ship yard.

School Street.

The first house from Main Street was built by Hon. Benjamin Pike in rear of his blacksmith shop about 1817.

The Methodist Church, on the corner, is the second one of this denomination in Saco, the first one was on the upper end of School Street on the Common. It was moved down to Mill Street, and has served various purposes, a velocipede rink and a storehouse for grain, etc. It is still standing.

Ira H. Foss built the one on the opposite corner, now owned by Dr. Pillsbury.

Seleucus Adams built the brick one next in line. He kept store in no less than four different places on Main Street. By various means he connected himself with considerable earthly treasure. His son, Simon B. Adams, now living near the Pool was also in the dry goods business at two different times. Mr. Seleucus Adams married Olive Goodrich of Biddeford.

Next to Mr. Adams is the house of James M. Deering, a merchant of Saco for many years on Pepperell Square. He was mayor of the city one term. He married Charlotte (Kelly) Noble. None of his family are now living, except a few grandchildren.

On the opposite corner of High, next above Deering's, is the house of Nathaniel Burbank, who was also a merchant. He married widow Rebecca Scamman, whose first husband was William Scamman, grandson of Col. James. Mrs. Scamman was a Cleaves of Front Street.

Abner Blaisdell, another merchant, built the brick house next in line. Mr. Blaisdell married twice, both times from the Cleaves family above named, the first, Mary Putnam Cleaves, second Hannah Cleaves, third wife Julia Woodsum, daughter of Jabez Woodsum of Storer Street. The lots these houses are on belonged to the Cleaves family.

Next to Abner Blaisdell's is the house formerly occupied by Geo. Thacher Esq., before he went into the Goodale house. During the 1812-15 war it was used as a hospital for sick soldiers. It is not on record that any Saco men were wounded or killed in that war. One local company did march to Kennebunkport one morning,

and arrived home before dinner time. It is a matter of pride that our government pensioned all these heroes, and some of their widows (it is said) are drawing sustenance from the government their husbands did so much for. This generosity finds a lively parallel in these days of government generosity. Capt. Nathaniel Fernald of Saco and John Haley were in the navy during this war; the latter was taken prisoner and confined in Dartmoor prison, where he was kept long enough to develop consumption, from which he died in 1817.

Next to the Thacher house is a brick house built by Daniel Dresser, a brick maker, who was in partnership with Charles Lewis on Main and King Streets.

The Unitarian church comes next. It was built in 1827 by Mr. John Johnson, an expert carpenter, who was the first man in town to put a bay-window on his house. The church was a good specimen of architecture until it was mutilated at its entrance by filling in a recess. Rev. Mr. Tracy was the first minister. Rev. J. T. G. Nichols came to this church about 1840, and had a pastorate of about 45 years.

The Thornton Academy, burned in 1847, was on the spot now occupied by the Unitarian vestry. It sat

sideways to the street, with the bell tower in the same position as the projection of the vestry, towards the church.

The old first meeting house in Pepperellborough was very nearly on the same site as the Jordan School, with a road running from Common to Beach Streets, before Beach street was continued to Main Street, and this was discontinued after James Street was made.

James Street runs through lands owned by James Gray and James Rumery. Both wanted the street named after himself, and they finally compromised on James.

The first old house on the southern side of School Street is the house now owned by William Emery. Capt. Nathaniel Fernald's wife built the original structure by taking in washing. For many years Capt. Fernald "sailed the ocean blue" to foreign lands. His wife accompanied him generally, and crossed "the pond" many times. The last time he sailed he went alone, and when returning he encountered a fearful storm. His vessel was wrecked in Nova Scotia, and he was thrown ashore onto the rocks, breaking both legs. He lost everything, and came home a poor man. His wife, who

was Eliza H. Tounge, immediately set to work to support them. She commenced taking in washing, and as the captain was unable to stand on his legs for a long time, he assisted her by pounding out the clothes, or scrubbing them. In this way they were supported, and she earned and laid up enough to build a small one story house, which they occupied till about 1850, when they enlarged and remodelled it and furnished it. Mr. Emery has made many changes since. Mr. Fernald was a son of Capt. Nathaniel and Sarah (Googins) Fernald, and a brother to the late David Fernald. They had no children. Later in life he kept a sail-loft in the upper story of Col. Cutts' store on Factory Island.

The large brick house on the corner of School and High is on the site of the old Fernald house, an old gambrel roof concern, which, after the death of Mrs. Sarah Fernald, was sold to Seth Kendrick, Sr., and moved onto the Common in rear of the gunhouse. The brick house was built by David Fernald, as was also the large one and one-half story house on High Street occupied by him. This house replaced another there, which was purchased by Mr. Joseph Curtis, and moved to the other side of High Street, above the Deering property. It is now owned by Mr. Curtis' daughter Sarah.

On the opposite corner of High and School is the house of Miss Amanda Stevens built by her father Joseph Stevens about 1852.

The next house to the Stevens house was built by Mr. Tracy Hewes. It was modelled after the Thornton House hotel, only it is one story short, and has its front door on one side of the front, instead of being in the center. Mr. Hewes' wife was a daughter of James and Lucy (Gray) Rumery of James Street. They had one child only, James Tracy, who studied for the ministry but didn't live long after. He was quite a brilliant young man.

On the corner next to the above, was a small house built by Zeb. Howard, a tin-smith who had his first shop in a little building on the monument park.

On the other corner, the large tenement house was made of Capt. Thomas Cutts' stable or warehouse. After his death in 1839, it was made into tenements, and his son Thomas, who married a daughter of Josiah Calef, lived there some years. Later they removed to New York State. The other tenement was occupied at that time by "Lady Smith," a somewhat noted vocalist of those times in Saco. Many years ago this fine house fell from its high position to a cheap tenement house.

Middle Street.

The first house, at the lower end of the street was the domicile of Samuel Kendrick, son of John. Capt. Naylor Waterhouse married his daughter and lived the rest of his life there.

The next one, a brick house, was the house of J. G. Deering, a Pepperell Square merchant, who, later found the location not congenial and built him "An 'ouse as was an 'ouse" on Main Street, nearly on the site of the John Phillips, Jr., house.

The next house was that of Frederic Dunn, and Dr. J. E. L. Kimball. The latter also flitted from this pestiferous locality onto Main Street.

"Hill's Court," consists of three houses of varying degrees of age, built on the Randall property.

The long block next to this aggregation was built by Mr. J. G. Deering.

Scotland was built by James Maxwell before mentioned, who married a Randall. This hamlet has withstood all attempts at betterment, and seems likely to weather many more storms. It seems to be immune from all the ills that have beset other localities in the town. Saco has lost many fine structures by fire since

this mess was planted there. Five hotels have been reduced to ashes, one fine church, and three good brick blocks.

The Wardwell Home is on the site of the old house of Eliakim Wardwell, a shoe maker, who first opened a shop in the Nye house. He married Lydia Smith, and had several children, Simon, who lived to a serene old age (95) and a daughter, Mrs. Clapp, who at her death left a fund of several thousand dollars and the old house and lot for a home for indigent females. Mr. John S. Locke designed the present building, and was, I think, the first President of the Association. Some other funds have been added to the Clapp bequest, but there is still a pressing need for more.

Mr. Abram Cutter, a brick mason of note, built the next house, and it was under his direction that a large portion of the brick work in Saco and much in Biddeford was done, including nearly all of the oldest mills in the two cities. He was a man of fine character, and an honored citizen.

The next house in line, that of Dr. Pillsbury, was built by Mr. Ira H. Foss, formerly agent of the York Company, and previous to that he was their paymaster for

many years. He was at one time a captain of the old Saco Guards, and his fine military figure and bearing will be remembered well by those who lived at that time. His first wife was a daughter of Thomas P. Tufts, his second a daughter of Charles Twambley.

The large tenement house next in line was the house of Stephen Fairfield, a hatter of Saco, who had a shop on Middle Street. The original house was a two story hip roof. Later it was purchased and remodelled by Moses Lowell, who lived there the last years of his life.

The Charles Twambley house next to this was built by Timothy Washburne, a tailor in Saco, who afterwards became proprietor of the Ferry house, formerly the residence of Capt. Asa Stevens, whose wife was Lucy Bradstreet. Later, the Ferry House was kept by Thomas K. Lane and Son, and it was burned while they occupied it. Dies combat her. (with Thos Lane) about 1819

The four tenement house next to this is owned by D. F. Littlefield, as is also the small one (Townsend house) next.

Tristram Hooper, a merchant, who built the stone and brick store, corner Main & Free Streets,

married Elizabeth Cutts, sister of old Billy Cutts. She lived to be 92. One of her daughters married a Dodge and moved west. This party sold the premises to Seleucus Adams, who lived in it till his death. It will eventually become the property of the Wardwell Home.

The house now owned by Mr. Binford was built by Mr. John Johnston, who died many years ago. Binford has added somewhat to it.

The Geo. E. Twambley house was built by Mr. Benjamin Dunn, who kept a store at the foot of Wharf and Front Streets. It formerly set very near the Binford House + was moved on by R K. Twambley

Dr. Richard Cutts Shannon built the next one, and lived in a part of it till his death which occurred in 1828, at the great age of 55. This seems remarkable as I so frequently heard elderly people always speak of him as "Old Dr. Shannon." He was a long time deacon in the First Parish church, and his grandson Hon. Richard Cutts Shannon has made some costly gifts to this church. Another of his grandsons, C. W. Shannon, has been organist at this church a half century and still holds the position.

The "Locke Grammar School" was built in 1840, and takes the place of a one story brick school house

that was on the site of the parish house of the Congregational Church. In this old school building Master Bill Scamman was master. He was a disciplinarian who disciplined, and woe betide the urchin who defied him. This school was heated by a generous sized fire place, and he had a way of making a practical use of it. If a boy did anything that made him appear "half-baked" he was made to lie down in front of the fire, and submit to a baking process which he didn't care to have repeated. In this way he soon weeded out the "Ephraims, who were cakes unturned." Another playful way he had of throwing knives, books and rulers at the heads of some offending ones. He taught many years, and many of his pupils became "men of mark," and went out in the world very far from being "molly-coddles." Scamman married Sally F. Pike of Saco. He came from Biddeford.

In the other corner of the church lot on Middle Street was a pound, and on the Main Street corner a stone reservoir.

The house of James H. Fenderson was built by Mr. Joseph Johnson. After him it was owned successively by James Towle and N. T. Boothby. Towle was a '49er. Boothby was a tailor.

The next house, a four tenement, was the old Cumston house remodelled. It is said that the first Cumston house was on the site of the house next below the Dormitory, in which case it is quite probable that he followed the prevailing custom of moving back onto Middle Street as Mr. Leland and Capt. Thomas Cutts had done, thus being neighbors, as they had been on Main Street.

The John S. Locke house was built by Mr. Joseph Leland, a Revolutionary soldier and a prominent merchant in Saco until his death in 1839, at the age of 82. Mr. Leland kept the middle store in the block where D. F. Littlefield has kept a store so many years.

One of Saco's old jokers played quite a hocus at Mr. Leland's expense, which has never, to my knowledge, been noticed. He came by the store one day, and found Mr. Leland sawing a wine pipe in two. After going down the street a little distance he accosted several people and informed them that Mr. Leland had cut his wine pipe off, but making the statement in such a way as to convey the idea that Mr. Leland had cut his throat, whereat there was quite a rush for the store, only to find Mr. Leland alive and no sign of having injured himself. The

old man enjoyed the ghastly joke however, as it was somebody else who had been fooled. Mr. Leland's portrait may be seen in the York Institute.

Next to the Locke house is the Thomas Cutts house, moved from its Main Street site, and made into two tenements, one occupied by his widow and daughter as long as they lived. The other was occupied many years by Tristram Scamman, cashier of the Saco National Bank many years. His wife was Lucy Storer, daughter of Samuel, Sr.

The next house was built by Henry J. Rice, a Saco merchant. He married a daughter of Nathaniel Burbank, and his store, which was Burbank's also, at an earlier period, is now in existence, in a most dilapidated and disgraceful condition on Pepperell Square between the Deering and Gilpatric blocks.

Elisha Hight, stable keeper and harness maker, built the next house, now owned and occupied by his daughter, Ellen, a retired lady of some poetic pretensions. Had she been in England, she might have become poet laureate, as she would have done credit to the place after Alfred Austin. Mr. Hight married a Chase.

The next house down the street, that has not

already been noticed, is the one story house of Joseph Stevens, this being his first house. The Stevens family assumed astonishing airs later in life, and gave the "glass eye" to those whom they esteemed as of a "baser metal." The oldest one, who never attained this exalted state, was guilty of marrying a man who worked Warren Ayer for a living; he was a tailor. The family promptly disowned her, and ceased having any communications with her. Finally, consumption got a grip on her, and the husband became dissipated; want stared them in the face; and an appeal for help from the Stevens family was turned down, although the mother did occasionally steal down at night and leave something on the steps.

The case became more serious, and Mrs. Fred Dunn put on her war paint and declared that the Stevens family should know the worst, and with this end in view, she called at the new house on High Street, and made known her business - on the steps, she was not permitted to enter. She met the present proprietor, who, after hearing the errand, replied, "We care nothing about this; we do not associate with those who are not our equals." Old Mrs. Dunn promptly replied, with a conspicuous sneer, "Who are your equals? None but the devils in Hell,"

and left them to ponder her words, which had no effect, however.

The old ramshackle affair next in line was a part of the old Saco tavern, kept by Rufus Banks. It was bought by Capt. Daniel Milliken, who kept a restaurant under the Stone store Pepperell Square. It is now owned by A. M. Goodwin.

The brick house on the corner of Free and Middle Streets was built by Richard Bowdoin, an Englishman, who was a blacksmith. He also built the one in rear of it on Free Street.

Daniel Campbell built the next one on the site of an older one of his.

The old Wardwell house is next, and on the corner of Middle and Common Streets Elisha Hight had his stable and harness shop. In rear of these is the old Cotton Bradbury house, moved from Mill Street.

Common Street.

The house formerly at the junction of Common and Front Streets and Pepperell Square was the old house of Benjamin Mason, whose daughter Sarah married first Daniel Scamman, son the colonel, and for a

second venture she married Iohabod Fairfield. The Niagara Engine house was built later on this spot.

Next was the "Cleaves tavern," kept at first by John Cleaves, later Thomas P. Tufts kept it. Col. Charles Hayes and Jerry Gordon kept it in the early 30's. Col. Hayes took the new Pepperell House, directly across the street, and Jerry Gordon later took the York Hotel, succeeding Major Jeremiah Milliken. The latter's wife, Sarah Warren, could make soup that would make a French chef turn green with envy. The charm of that soup lingered forever when once it had been sampled. I have eaten some of it myself, and know whereof I affirm.

Mr. Tufts, the last owner and proprietor of the Cleaves House, took ground against the sale of intoxicants, and maintained it to the end. The house was burned sometime in the 50's.

Mr. John Woodsum had a stable near the lower end of this tavern, and here there were some lively ante bellum times. His wife was a Pike, and also a tike, making it very interesting at times. Not long before her death she placed a mark on his countenance which never left it. She cracked him on the snout with the back of an axe and certainly made an impression

there. Charles Hill, who was a policeman at that time, promptly took her into custody, whereat she swooned and fell down in the street on her passage to the lock-up on Free Street. Nothing daunted, Charles impressed a wheel barrow of a bystander, loaded her onto it, her head hanging down on one side, her legs on the other, and in this way trundled her up there. This broke her spirit somewhat, and she didn't survive many months, nor he either. The quiet life was too debilitating. Thus ended the last one of Deacon Woodsum's children.

The late William Littlefield had a large house next to the Woodsum stable. It was burned at the time of the big fire. Two small houses are on this site.

On the corner of Wharf and Common are some houses built by Stephen Littlefield, the father of William Charles, James W., and Stephen Littlefield. Mr. Littlefield was an owner of stage lines in Saco. His wife was Lois Woodbury, daughter of James and Sarah (Bryant) Woodbury of Elm Street. Mr. Littlefield's stable was on Common Street, a few rods beyond his house. It was torn down many years ago. There is a block of tenements on its site built by Mr. William Littlefield.

The next house was moved there from Bly's Court,

as was also the Bly house when the Boston & Maine Railroad invaded this section in 1872.

Mary Cleaves, the maiden daughter of Daniel Cleaves, Sr., owned a small field on Common Street next to the Bartlett lane on the west side of this estate.

Beyond the Bartlett house was the long, low, rambling house of Samuel Gray. Later the Rev. Cyrus King lived in this house. He was a nephew of General King.

The next cluster of houses along here was built by Tom Sam. Brannan, Nathaniel Johnson, Benjamin P. Hall, Lyman Manly and Aaron Wood; this last one in Gray's Court. Next to Wood's was John Adams, and the last one on the hill was that of Noah Kendrick, but who built it is not known for a certainty. It may have been the old Pepperell house that was on the site of the Bartlett house, or it may have been a Pike house; Noah Kendrick married Abigail Pike, daughter of Col. Humphrey Pike. Where he lived is not known exactly, but there were two Pike houses on the southern side of Front Street. One is there now next to the railroad.

Nathaniel Crosby married Mary Kendrick, and John Adams married Elizabeth, daughter of Noah. The

old house has always been called the Crosby house, but it must be a great deal older than Crosby or his father-in-law, Noah Kendrick. My folks lived in it after the great fire of 1846 on Main and Free Streets, and it was ready to tumble down then.

Gray's Court.

Across from the Kendrick house is one built by the late John H. Gowen. It is very near the site of the old Robert Gray or Scamman garrison house, which was sold to Gray in 1740. The lines of it can be traced now. When this old house was demolished, a skeleton was found in a barrel that was walled up in the chimney. This mystery was never explored or unravelled. It had a woman's or an Indian's hair, nothing more by which to get a clue.

Deacon James Gray, son of James, built a house very near the old one which is still standing, though somewhat changed. His family lived there until they died or were married.

Charles Littlefield married one of the twins and built the large house on the corner of Common Street and Gray Street, now owned by his son, Otis Littlefield. There were some strong suggestions of a weakness of

mental power in the Gray family of this period. Liza Ann was a long way below par, and her nephew, Otis Littlefield, has the same taint, but not the same degree.

Common Street (continued)

The first house next to the railroad on the east side of Common street is one owned by Nathan Leonard. The one on the corner of High was his, too, when he died, but it was an old Cleaves house then, and was occupied when he bought it by T. P. Tufts, who took the Cleaves tavern.

On the opposite corner was the house of John Hilton, since owned by Charles Dame and others.

Moses Lowell built the next house, facing Wharf Street about 1842.

Next to this is a two tenement house, formerly a school house, and sitting end to the street. It was kept in 1845 by George P. Mellen in one end, and Miranda Patterson. The latter was succeeded by Miss Lucy Ann Rumery, who taught many years after on the Common. I began going to school to Miss Patterson in 1845.

Capt. Jacob Marston bought and remodelled this building and lived in one side of it some years. He had formerly lived on Factory Island in the house next to

Col. Cutts. Mr. Rufus Nichols also had lived there until he became agent of the Saco Water Power Company, when he moved over into the house where Dr. Kimball lived later on Main Street.

George A. Fairfield married a daughter of Nichols.

The old part of Free Street from Main to the Randall lands across Middle Street was quite a busy street in its early days. It had as many as five stores on it, and several dwellings and shops.

There was one old house of special interest, which no one could seem to account for. If it was built there, it must have been on some lane or by path, but there is nothing to prove this. If it was moved there, then there are other unexplainable features connected with it. There was a faint rumor that it was an old Scamman house. But whose?

Free Street (Continued)

Charles Sands built a block, now standing there, that covered the site of this old one, and a small one next to it, that sat end to the road.

Below Dr. Kimball's old residence is a small one story affair moved from Beach Street, where

it was situated between the house where Dr. Maybury now lives, and the Nott house on the corner of Beach and Main Streets.

High Street.

The first three houses on High Street, beginning at the Common Street end, were built by the Deerings of Waterboro and Saco - all tenement houses- and in the days gone by sheltered some very excellent people, but now "All is changed."

The Mansard roof house next in line was the John Noble house, formerly the office building of Marshal Thornton, moved from Main Street.

The next is a house built by Elias Pike, and after him Major Milliken occupied it for many years. It is now a tenement house.

The next house,now owned by Herbert Hill, was built by Joshua Chadbourne who later moved to Biddeford. The lot on which this and the Stevens house on the corner and the Hewes house on School Street are situated, was a lumber yard up to 1850.

Further up the street, beyond the J. M. Deering property, is the house of Miss Sarah Curtis. It was

bought by her father of David Fernald, and moved to its present site when High Street was much less thickly covered on its western side.

Next to this is a house that was another parcel of the old Saco tavern, called later the Saco House. It was moved to this lot by Mr. Edward Stiles, a Saco merchant, who kept store in Jonathan King's building after Mr. King's death. Mr. Stiles married Julia Ann Townsend of Middle Street. His son, Edward, Jr. also kept a grocery store near the corner of Storer Street.

All the other houses on the west side of High Street have been built mostly since the Civil War.

Coming down on the other side, as far as Park Avenue, all are new, except the second one from the Beach Street corner. This was the old Gun House moved from the Common by James M. Deering and converted into a dwelling house.

The house of R. Meserve is on the site of the old Ed. Cleaves house, which ancient toy house can be seen in Meserve's back yard on Park Avenue.

Mrs. John Sellea's house next to the Park was built by Jim Murphy. His wife having come to an untimely end, he was tried for her murder, but was acquitted.

After this, he changed his name to Hurd and moved to Biddeford. A son, by his second wife, is now, if living, serving a life sentence for murdering him in Biddeford a few years ago.

The house next to Meserve's was built by Mr. John Johnson, an expert builder in his day. His father, Bradbury Johnson, was master workman on the First Parish church, and John was the same of the Second Parish (Unitarian) Mr. Johnson's first wife was a Chandler, his second Sarah Jameson from Water Street. Mr. Johnson helped built many of the older houses in Saco.

The little brick house next in line was built by, Capt. William Stevenson. Later it was owned by Abel Hersey, whose reverses compelled him to take less expensive quarters. Capt. Stevenson's wife was Isabella Murch. He went to sea when very young and suffered many hardships. Among them he related that when he was 16 years old he was at sea with a brute of a captain, who, for some slight offence hung him up on the yard arm. His suffering from thirst became excruciating, and when he piteously begged for water, gave him his own urine to drink. Capt. Stevenson lost one arm in the battle of Lake Erie, 1812.

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The next house, much changed, was the house of Ben. Scamman. It was originally a one story affair. Ben was a fine, inoffensive man, who had a wonderful matrimonial experience. He had five wives, but was not a Mormon, as he had only one at a time, as follows- Sally Blaisdell - Abigail Curtice - Lucy Whitten - Lydia Milliken and Elizabeth Gilpatric. It would be interesting to follow such a Bluebeard still further if the last one hadn't floored him.

Capt. William Murch built the next house, owned now by C. H. Hanson. Capt. Murch and his wife Alice lived to be ninety. They were the parents of Dr. Charles Murch, who, as an apothecary, succeeded Dr. Timothy J. Murray on Factory Island.

Hon. Ether Shepley built the next house, known as the Cutts house, it having been purchased by the family of Foxwell Cutts when Judge Shepley moved away. Mr. Cutts died in 1816. He was a son of Col. Cutts.

Below the brick house on the corner of School Street is the house of David Fernald, a prosperous and thrifty blacksmith. While Saco was a town he was often chosen selectman, assessor and tax collector. These

various offices then were not separate functions. The selectmen were the assessors, and something more sometimes. Mr. Fernald left a comfortable property and an untarnished reputation. His first wife was Sophia Johnson, his second Mary T. Moulton, daughter of Edward S. Moulton, the old watchmaker at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets.

The Bartlett house, known in its early days as "Bartlett's Folly," must not be forgotten in this rehearsal. Its like was never seen here, and probably nowhere else. The house was as eccentric as its builder, who was sometime a lawyer, a writer and several other accomplishments. The house had been built with reference to a garden on top, but several things interfered, such as freezing in winter, leaks in rainy weather, and a lack of a water system adequate to its demands in dry weather. It was a one story affair with a basement toward the river. This one story of the main house was very high posted, too high for one, and not enough for two, with a rail of fence around the garden. Later the garden was enclosed solid, and a hip roof put over the whole. The plan of the house was in the shape of a cross, the head of it being a half circle. This latter

projected toward the river, and after it was made into tenements, this was divided into two bedrooms.

After Bartlett's decease, the mortgagees took possession and divided the house into stores. Jonathan Tucker, Daniel Cleaves and others kept store there. Later it was made into tenements, and occupied by the Smalls, Motleys, Kings, Cleaves, and Sweetsers. This continued till the B & M RR was surveyed, when it was removed, and but few people in Saco now remember it. It was built in 1814, on the site of the old Pepperell House.

On the Common was the old Fernald house, moved from School Street when the brick house was built there. This was an old gambrel roof affair, but made a home for the family of Seth Kendrick, a son of Noah. When the Marshal Thornton house was torn down he bought the ell and moved it to Cross Street, where it rests. The son of the proprietor came home full of corn juice one night, and divulged his intention to commit parricide, which scared the old man so that he crawled under the bed and died, actually frightened to death. His wife was Sarah Banks, sister to the owner of the Saco House, Rufus Banks.

Wharf Street.

House on the cornor, Stephen Littlefield.

Next house built by Jeremiah Boothby, a merchant, who had a store near the site of the York Bank.

The next house was removed to the foot of the street.

Dea. Asa Andrews built the next, which was moved to the other side of the street.

The Simpson house (still standing, 1913) is the last one now left. It was in rear of Col. Dunn's

store, on the corner of Front and Wharf Streets. This old house was a boarding house in the early part of the last century. There was also a tippling shop in the basement. The Simpsons moved to North Saco later. They were the parents of Eben and Joshua, whose picture is in the York Institute.

The first house on Beach Street was the old Cluff house, between the Guptill house and Dr. Maybury's, moved many years ago to Free Street. The ell was moved to Bartlett Street, and is the second house on the left from Common Street. The old Thomas Bly house is also on Bartlett Street overlooking the river.

The second house on Beach Street was built by William Cobb (the father of Harlan P. Cobb) and a man named Low. The latter was a carpenter, the former a brick mason. All these houses, including J. H. Fenderson's on Middle Street, were built on the lot where the barbecue was held spoken of in Folsom's History.

The brick house, corner of Beach and High, was built by E. R. Bradbury, and sold to Charles C. Sawyer. Later Capt. Dick Leavitt owned it, and others still later.

From High Street to Pepperell Park the houses,

or two of them, were built by Diamond Littlefield, the father of D. F. Littlefield.

Next below the park, the house of Charles Sawyer was built by the late W. C. Goodwin, nearly on the site of the John Floyd house, which was moved down Beach Street, and onto the opposite side, and close to the B & M RR. It is now owned by James Benson's heirs.

The first house below the B & M was built by Daniel Toppan, and is now owned by his daughter. He was the laziest man in the town, and simply died because even to breathe was a burden to him, so he, for a long time, only drew every other breath.

The house of James Gray was built by Flanders Newbegin, who later moved from town. He was a very prosperous farmer, and acquired a competency. He had the temper of a tiger, and the man who crossed his path or his fields had need to look out for himself.

Just below this house and the road to Gray's Point, was the Paul Junkins house, and near it the Davis house. The latter is doing duty further down the road, nearly opposite the house of Burnham, the painter.

The house now owned by Mrs. F. B. Wiggin was built by James Rumery, whose wife was Lucy Gray.

Previous to building this house, he lived in a one story stone house a few rods below. Later, Dr. Booth Mulvey, an Irish physician, lived in it for years. The last party to live in it was A. A. Brooks, the father of William Grant Brooks.

All the other houses on this side of the street above the railroad are comparatively new, except one moved there by Rob. Tounge. It is the one next below the late S. F. Shaw's.

The large house next below the old stage road from Gray's Point was built by Daniel Jellison of Biddeford. It is now owned by a Jew, who keeps store in Biddeford.

The next house was built by Daniel Mahoney, whose name betrays his nationality. He was a gardener and florist. His children continued the business many years after him.

Below the cemetery was the house of William Deering. John Hanscom married his step-daughter, a Miller, and lived there many years.

Below this old place was the John Chase house, the cellar of which is still visible. All other old houses on the road have disappeared. There was an

ancient domicile on "Thunder Island," and there was a brick yard there. The old landing is still to be seen, nearly opposite Parson Morrill's. There are also quite a number of graves on the hill. Alexander Smith was the last occupant of the old house; later he occupied the John Chase house.

There is one old house just above the Ferry lane, formerly occupied by Mark Holt, son of Simeon Holt.

The old house,now much improved by Mr. Abbott, was built in the old days when there was a busy village at the Ferry. There were Chases and Waterhouses, Stevens and others living there. Ships were repaired and rigged there, and a rope walk was in operation. There was also a warehouse containing five stores. Capt. Asa Stevens built the large mansion he occupied, and which later became a tavern, kept by Tim. Washburne, and later by T. K. Lane & Son. This was burned in the 70's

This was one of the finest spots for a summer hotel anywhere along the coast. It has never been rebuilt. Capt. Stevens married a Bradstreet. The old rope walk was discontinued more than sixty years ago, and the remains were sold and moved up the road. One piece was the residence of the late Ann Snow. Another piece

was bought by Edward Rumery, and is now in the lane belonging to Shepley Smith's heirs on the Old Orchard Road. And in this connection I remember something that happened to Rumery many years ago. He was an assistant at the cemetery, and helped bury the dead in the spring. While doing this one day he received a great fright. There was a ventilator in the top of the tomb, and old Bill King, who was a great wag, came strolling through the cemetery. On his way he spied Rumery at his task and thinking he would have his little joke, King crept up on top of the tomb, and at an opportune moment, when Rumery was lifting a corpse onto his cart or wheelbarrow, spoke to him in sepulchral tones through the ventilator, saying,"Who art thou that troublest the dead?" The corpse was dropped with a sickening thud, and Rumery made his way toward home, leaping three fences on the way, and didn't even stop to turn around till he reached his house, while old King went on his way snickering audibly at the turn he had given the sexton.

The first house on the east side of Beach Street coming toward town is that of Charles Goldthwaite, an old gentleman aged 91, who, while not "hale and hearty," is nevertheless a genial gentleman, with whom it is a

pleasure to converse. A short distance above him is the old Noah Deering place, now owned by Mose Quarter, a venerable gentleman of French Canadian extraction. Mose has spent many years "burning brick," and is said to have no equal in this line of business.

This house was built by Rev John Fairfield about 1772

Ann Snow's house is the next old one, as I have already mentioned, a part of the old rope walk. It is directly in front of the site of the house of Capt. Humphrey Scamman, whose family were the proprietors of the "Scamman mug," held in great veneration by all the Scamman descendants of which there must be thousands. It is much like a chair which is venerated in Virginia as one that George Washington was to sit in if he visited a certain family there. He didn't come that way, but I heard it said out there that it is still an object of great veneration for what it might have been. There may be no romancing about the beer in the Scamman mug, still, tradition may have taken some liberty with the facts. Anyway, the mug is still in existence and valued highly, much more so than the owners' memory. It is far from being a handsome article.

wrong, it was Ebenezer Scamman

The next house of respectable age is that of Mell. Small. It was built by Isaac Marshall, on the site

of the James McClellan house. McClellan married a daughter of Robert Patterson, a man whose progeny were celebrated for their longevity, several of them passing the age of ninety. Patterson's old house was on the site of Charles Stevens house, and near the Thomas Edgecomb place, now owned by a descendant of Thomas and Robert Edgecomb. The Edgecombs are descended from Lord Edgecombe of Mount Edgecombe, this on the Edgecomb side. Their descent in this country is from Thomas Lewis, whose daughter Judith married Lieut. James Gibbins. Their daughter Rachel married Robert Edgecomb; from these all the Edgecombs are descended. Robert and Rachel are buried in the old graveyard near Rendezvous Point, where nearly all the first settlers on the Saco side are buried. But few of them have any gravestones; those of Robert and Rachel Edgecomb are the oldest. She died in 1723 or 4, aged 63. He died later.

The Capt. Richard Leavitt house, opposite Abiathar Leavitt's is quite an old one, and the Smith house, both near the junction of the Bay View and Ferry roads.

The old Chase house is the oldest house in Saco at present, except the Ed. Tucker - Towle house on

Elm Street. It was built by Deacon Amos Chase, who first settled at the Ferry. He married Sarah Cole. They attempted a settlement at what is called Chase's Corner in Buxton, but gave it up, and he built the old house in Saco, and planted the old elms in 1763. Deacon Chase was a man of mark, and lived to the age of 100, dying respected and honored by the whole community in which he had lived so long. He was one of the first selectmen of Pepperellborough. His descendants are not numerous. His old house is still standing in an excellent state of preservation, and was occupied many years by his grandson, Amos Chase, our late honored townsman.

The Dodge house comes next in line, but is not of great age. It was built by a sea captain of that name, and was a fine house, with spacious grounds of little value; like the Garden of Eden, it was "cursed to bring forth thorns and thistles;" an orchard of scrub apple trees have been struggling for existence for three-quarters of a century. It is said that the oldest inhabitant never saw an apple on one of them. The house is a good monument to Capt. Dodge's taste and good intentions.

The two small houses that come next were Scamman houses; the smaller one was moved from the Ferry by Joe Scamman and is very old, the other has recently been improved by Charles F. Smith, a newcomer.

The small brick house next above was built by E. R. Bradbury, on the site of his great-grandfather's house, Dominicus Scamman, whose daughter Rebecca married Edward Rumery. His daughter Mary married Chris Bradbury, the parents of E. R. Bradbury.

The Patten house next in line was built by Joshua Patten, the father of James Patten, late of Saco. It is now the property of Mrs. Silas Gurney, nee Mary Marshall.

The next house is not old, but it has an old and honorable annex. Its barn is the old Parson Fairfield house, which should have met a better fate, as it was well preserved, and of hercic size. The vandal who perpetrated this outrage is not known by me. It was done many years ago. It is the more aggravating, when we see how well Parson Morrill's house has been cared for on the Biddeford side.

The residence of the late Post Master Stackpole was built by Mr. William Heath, a farmer, from one

of the back towns. His tribe is extinct.

The small house on the corner of the Old Orchard road was built by Edward Rumery, who owned the original land in Laurel Hill Cemetery. After his death it fell into the hands of Alexander Wilkinson, father of L. D. Wilkinson, a former legal luminary of Saco, whose chief distinction was that he was the nastiest man in town. Streams of tobacco juice roamed at will over his shirt front, and all his other appurtenances were equally filthy. He had a Scripture warrant for his condition in that passage which reads "He that is filthy, let him be filthy still," and he lived up to it religiously. When he died his burial might well have been classed as a transaction in real estate.

The Governor Fairfield house was built by Rev. Elihu Whitcomb about 1806. He was the successor of Rev. Fairfield, but not much is known of him. He left one son here, familiarly known as "Perry Whitcomb," who, if he was not foolish, skirmished very near the line. As he was single, he left no heirs, in which respect several of our old families would have done well if they had died single.

Josiah Calef built the next house quite late

in life. He was a man of good business instincts, and was picked up by Col. Cutts as a promising young man. They built the old nail factory about 1811. This was on a part of the York Company's site, and went with the sale of that privilege. Mr. Calef was later in the hardware business on the site of the store now (1913) occupied by Fenderson & Mitchell. Mr. Calef wore in his later days a high collar and stock to conceal the scar of an attempt at suicide. He cut his throat, and then to make sure he had succeeded, stuck his head into a barrel or tub of water, but the water somehow staunched the blood, and he didn't drown, and was found in an unconscious condition in time to save his life. He didn't cut deep enough to reach the jugular vein, and he fell out of the water before he drowned. He lived many years after, and was quite a distinguished citizen. His mantle fell on his son George only to smother him. Mr. Calef had a charming personality.

The house now occupied by the Silas Milliken heirs was built by Daniel Libby and Mr. George Toppan, who married Libby's daughter. Mr. Libby's old house is the ell of the Toppan structure. Mr. Toppan was a brother of Michael Toppan, brick masons of note, who did

much of the masonry of the old York Mills, in company with Abram Cutter.

Mr. Michael Toppan built the second house above the Boston & Maine crossing on Beach Street. He married Hannah A. Junkins, a granddaughter of Judge Rishworth Jordan of Biddeford.. The Toppans as a family are extinct. They formerly owned a small brick house which was on the site of the Libby house, next below the Boston & Maine crossing on Beach Street.

The brick house next to Toppan's was built by Henry Jordan, a brother to our late townsman, Rishworth Jordan. Later he moved to Kennebunk, and became a prosperous farmer and cattle dealer. It has changed hands several times.

Issachar Weymouth, a butcher, built the large house next in line. His heirs occupy it.

Daniel Gookin built the next one; the residence of himself while he lived, since then it has been a tenement house mostly.

Augustus E. Beach, a soap manufacturer, built the one now owned and occupied by his heirs. His daughter Ellen is the widow of the late Fairfield Locke; a most incongruous alliance happily ended. Whatever his

personal charms might have been when young, he became a human swine.

Hezekiah Bradley, a cobbler, built the next house on the corner of Beach and Winter Streets. His shop was in the second story of the Gilpatric building on Pepperell Square. His wife was Lydia Foss.

John Lewis, a grocer, built the double house on the opposite corner of Beach and Winter Streets. He kept store in the one now occupied by Charles H. Cleaves, grave stone artist.

Frederick Beach, a brother and partner in the soap business with Augustus E. Beach, built the next house, now owned by J. I. Palmer. The Beach brothers married sisters. The brothers died comparatively young. With them, died soap manufacturing in Saco. This was before the days of political "soap," that is guilty of being anything but a cleanser.

Isaac Marshall built the next house. He came up from the Ferry. Later it became the property of Capt. Ira C. Doe, who taught school in Saco many years. He was a thorough teacher, and a severe disciplinarian of the old time. If there was any of the modern sickly sentimentality in his system, he had a remarkable faculty

of keeping it suppressed. The cowhide was always in evidence, and he had a powerful physique to back it up. Later, he abandoned teaching for farming. His father-in-law, Tom Dyer, having died, he occupied the farm till his death. It is now the Chapin farm. The Oliver Dyer farm, on the same road, is now the Cornforth place.

The next house of any consequence on the street is the Sarah Hamilton Memorial. It was built by Nathaniel T. Moulton, partner of D. M. Owen in the tailoring business. Later he kept a clothing store in Biddeford. The house passed into the hands of Capt. Leavitt, who sold it to John F. Stearns, furniture dealer, of the firm of Chadbourne and Stearns, successors to S. T. Shannon, son of Dr.Richard Cutts Shannon.

George Leighton from Biddeford built the little cottage opposite the school house. He was connected with a bakery.

The Boynton house was built by E. P. Burnham, and bought from him by William Freeman, who kept a restaurant. Freeman tried to buy it by feeding Burnham and his wife, but they ate it up so slowly that it is doubtful if they even ate up the interest, and it became a doubtful case. The parties to this transaction

are all departed to the happy land, where all debts are paid in full.

North Street.

The first house on North Street (built by Gregory) is on the site of the Ross house, built by the father of Sam Ross, but now reposing on Stuart Street, after being owned and occupied by Sam. Fowler for many years. Mr. Gregory built quite an imposing structure which he did not long enjoy for reasons which may not here be stated, as he was a devout (?) church man, and was, perhaps, fulfilling his idea of the code, which reads "Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness, that when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations."

John P. Mellen, a grocery man, built the brick house next to Prescott's. He kept in the Stone store, and was succeeded by the firm of Mellen & Wakefield. They were followed by the Marshall Brothers, they in turn by Littlefield and Richards, J. Q. Sawyer following them. He kept it longer than any other occupant. Mr. Mellen, the elder, after selling out, moved to New Hampshire and died there. His son, George Mellen, taught school in Saco, in the old school house on Free Street. He married Caroline Matilda Lunt, and moved to New Orleans.

Benjamin Chandler built the next house. He had a blacksmith shop on the spot where the soldiers monument now is. It was the first building on this lot. Mr. Chandler was from the Ferry road.

Benjamin Fenderson had a tannery on the next lot, and had a house on the site of the Hewes house, which is the Fenderson house enlarged and changed from a one story shack, which I have heard was moved there. From the human crop raised on this place, past and present, I think it accursed.

The double house owned by the late Mrs. Hall and Dr. Clement was built by Mr. Howard, overseer on the York, and Mrs. Betsey Sands, mother of the late Dan. Sands. Mrs. Sands had made some money keeping a boarding house on the York. Mr. Howard's son was charged with a mix-up with Mrs. Sands' daughter, the fruits whereof were shortly seen. No remedy was suggested, only a financial consideration, and the matter was adjusted along these lines. The Howards didn't stay long after this, neither did Betsey Sands, nee Stevens, aunt to Amanda Stevens. Betsey went the way of all flesh, the Howards, we know not whither.

On the opposite corner of Union and North is the

Gerrish and Goodale house, built by Enoch Goodale and C. O. Gerrish, the latter a crank from Crankville, whose brains seemed to be anywhere but in his head. An honest man as to money, but with no balance wheel. Mr. Goodale was the father of S. L. Goodale, and had been in the druggist business in former years in Saco. He married a Jordan, a relative of Gerrish's wife.

S. H. Milliken, a former grocery man in Saco, built the Fred Lord house. Later in life Mr. Milliken became station agent for the P. S. & P. RR., and served it until about 1875, when he was retired by a new management, "A new King that knew not Joseph." Previous to this Mr. Milliken had bought the Lawrence Jordan place on the Buxton road. This fine old house, built by Capt. Ichabod Jordan, was destroyed by fire a few years since.

Above the Milliken house was a small house, owned in his later years by Mr. Joseph Hill, father of Mrs. Rishworth Jordan. Mr. Hill was a butcher, and they all seemed to thrive, although one did not have to pay the price of a cow for a pound of sirloin.

The large cottage next in order among the older houses, was built or owned by Rev. J. T. G. Nichols, and

Hon. John F. Seamman. It is now the property of B. S. Lougee, shoe dealer, and the other tenement has some entanglements attached. Richard Hartley Nott is the alleged owner. It belonged to his father Eliphalet Nott, a most worthy and able man, whose life terminated very abruptly in Chicago in the early 70s. He was for a long time treasurer of the P. S. & P. RR and, I think, was paymaster on the York earlier in life. When he left the railroad he made me a present of an oil painting, which I treasure with pride. It was an appreciation for small favors I had rendered him.

The Goodale house comes next in line, and I make no positive statement as to its builder. Hon. Geo. Thacher lived there a long time, and I had been told by those who ought to know that he built it, but rumor has it that Parson Cogswell's name has been mentioned as being the builder. As there were no houses or streets between Cogswell's house on Main Street and the present railroad line, I think he might have owned the land there, and some deed may show a transfer, but it hardly seems credible that Parson Cogswell, who had built one house, could in the time specified, have secured funds sufficient to build such a house as the one in question. This is all I say in this connection.

The next house was built by Gideon Tucker, oldest son of Jonathan and Hannah (Scamman) Tucker. Mr. Tucker was supposed to be a large owner of ships, and never was known to do any work of any kind. His family lived well, and supposed him rich, or comfortably off, but when death came it was found that he had no assets but the house, and a large endowment of gall.

Cotton Bradbury, the father of John C. and "the girls" built the next house. He had been a merchant, and built his former home near the "Mill brow" on Mill Street. This last estate was quite large, and it hasn't been encroached upon much as yet. It is now owned by Dan. Foley, who moved down here from Buxton or North Saco, after having sunk a small fortune on a farm up there; he isn't farming any more.

Jonathan Rumery Deering was the builder of the next house, and, like all Deering structures, is built well, snug, and compact. It is now owned by a cigar maker, Peter Parady.

The P. S. & P RR was put through here in 1842. As the people were afraid of it, they insisted it should be far enough out of the way so as not to endanger the town. This stupid decision involved many miles of travel

and much shoe leather for the people all along the line, and when another line was talked of the people were willing to allow it to run up Main Street if it would only come. The new road didn't run up Main street, but it has contrived to block it up most effectually, especially when the summer schedule is in operation. There is only one remedy now open to Saco, and that is, to reopen the old road via Front and Wharf streets, and restore the old bridge which was there formerly. This would end this trouble for all time, and also all grade crossing along this line in Saco. No wonder that Saco is playing second fiddle to Biddeford, this crossing is so dangerous and blocked so much.

Mill Street begins about at the western end of the railroad bridge over Front Street, and continues to Main Street in rear of the old building on Pepperell Square. Before the Main Street extension it ran across Main Street to the road leading to the bridge in rear of the York Institute building.

Marshal Thornton's residence was opposite School Street on a knoll like the one the Dyer Library is on. His office building, when he was United States Marshal, was on the site of Gannon's store, before Storer Street was opened to Elm. This building was purchased by Capt. John Noble and moved to High Street, where it was made into a dwelling, with a brick cellar kitchen and ell added. Mrs. Horace Woodman bought, and remodelled the same, and it is now a tenement house.

The ell of the Marshal Thornton house was purchased by Seth Kendrick, Sr., and moved to Cross Street, next house beyond Joe. Moody's.

William Cutts was the son of Richard Foxwell Cutts. His mother was Elizabeth Cutts, daughter of the Colonel. It is said the Colonel brought him up. He married Elizabeth Cutts Thornton. His father and mother were cousins, and he and his wife were cousins, result

everybody knows. After the death of his wife, he sought the hand of another cousin, Eunice Cutts Nye, but old lady Nye said, "Nit!" with a sulphurous emphasis. She said "There are enough fools in the family now." Thus was nipped in the bud the scheme for a fool factory, and Eunice died single.

The hall in the Nye house must have been in the rear, I think, as there was a flight of stairs going up from the ell which was a one story affair. Eliakim Wardwell had a cobbler's shop in the house. These things were previous to its occupancy by Maj. Nye.

The Osgood Tavern is still in existence on the Portland road, opposite the road to Old Orchard, or the "Cascade Road." It is said to have been built by John Fitz, who previously had a shop on Front Street. After Osgood, came Tristram Redman. For many years it has been a family residence only.

The Tapley house is the one on the hill just over Goose Fare. It has been changed into a two story house. I have heard that some of the Tapleys lived at one time in the Deering house, on the hill this side of the brook. My first knowledge of it was when Enoch Deering lived there in 1849. He had then just married a Jordan from Biddeford.

Charles A. Jordan, the architect of the Sands-Parcher house, was the son of Enoch Coffin Jordan. He was an older brother of the present surveyor, Enoch Jordan of Saco.

The General King house has not been changed outwardly, except the addition of the portico over the front door, and the glass in the windows.

The Jonathan King house has been considerably changed, so that only the main part is as it was first, and a piazza covers a portion of this. The inside was practically unchanged; a few Boulterisms are to be seen.

The double house in rear of Main is exactly opposite the entrance to the court between Beatty's antique store and the old Neal store, now a boarding house. William H. Neal built this store, formerly a one story affair. He made some money in the brush business, and kept knick-knacks and candy. Neal's brushes were celebrated for their high class workmanship. After a few years he enlarged the building on the ground and raised it to its present height. After his wife's decease, he pined away, and finally committed suicide by hanging, leaving some money for a soldiers' monument, if built within a stated period. It finally went to

the Unitarian church.

Cotton Bradbury's store was somewhere near his old house. The way they advertised in those days was so vague, it is difficult for anybody now to locate just where most of the business was of 70 years ago. They were generally so many doors above or below some other dealer.

Cataract block has been there ever since I can remember. I never knew who built it. At the time of the big fire on the island in 1849, there was another one of the same style on the opposite side of the street, which was destroyed by that fire. Nothing but the river saved the western side of Main street, which was covered with old wooden traps from the river to the York Bank.

Cutts Block preceded the Calef Block. It was of the same size and number of stories. Cutts hall was in the third story, dry goods stores in the first story. Charles Cutts Coogin Thornton (late colonel) kept a store there, and also Alonzo Hamilton. B. F. H. was his clerk then.

The buildings around York Square were, first, the two long blocks on Gooch Street, recently demolished, built in 1840. One of them, on the site of the York

Machine shop burned down. Then came a three story brick building where Dea. Hayes, afterward Smith & Hayes, kept a store. The rear of the building was a corporation boarding house, No. 27, kept for two decades by the Misses Kate and Mary Ann Day.

The old Longley Express Company, Hale Coffin agent, had Dea. Hayes' store when it came to Saco. Mr Coffin lived in the large house, corner of School and Middle Streets. Cyrus K. Barker, who died in Lewiston last year, lived in the other side. He was, for many years, an overseer on the York, and later developed into a smart man.

The next building on York Square on that side was the old Post Office, a one story structure with four pillars in front. After the office was moved over into town, Mrs. A. R. S. Collins occupied it as a millinery store. She was followed by Isaac W. Ambler, an Englishman of the most monstrous pretensions, which were not accepted at his estimate. When the war came, he took charge of it, and what there was done that he wasn't the author of was not worthy of the scantest mention. History is strangely, if not criminally, silent as to his brilliant achievements.

After the war he returned for a brief period and then vanished from view.

The next building on that side extended from the Post Office to the York block, No. 14, and contained four stores. It was one story high. Cowan had a printing establishment in it, and Burleigh a tailor shop, C. Wormell a photo gallery, and some lady storekeeper had the other. It was destroyed by fire.

On the opposite side of the square the first store was kept by Thomas B. Ellis, an English paymaster, who ran away with the funds of a corporation, and took refuge in this country. The same building is there now, as also all the other shanties as far as the Water Power block, built sometime after 1840.

The Water Power block was occupied in front in my early days by John Smith, a large crockery dealer, Edward Purdy, a dry goods dealer; Hiram Bowe, dry goods, and a couple I do not recall. There was a library in the second story. The Mechanics Association, I think, was there at one time, and later, the Biddeford members came over one night, and carried it all over to Biddeford, which up to that time had depended on Saco for whatever library privileges they enjoyed. The small buildings

between the Water Power block and Cataract block have been destroyed and built up again, mostly built by the Saco Water Power company.

Col. Cutts had a sawmill in rear of these buildings, but they were not there then. It was all open on both sides of the extension of Main Street, except where the Dominicus Cutts house was. This house, later occupied by Hon. Richard Cutts, is now a tenement house on Alfred Street.

The west side of Main Street from Mill Street to the river was covered by a lot of two story wooden buildings, the one on the corner of Water Street being the only one of them left. Charles W. Boothby kept a tailoring establishment there for many years.

Dr. Berry and James Brackett occupied the next two stores, then came Charles Milliken, butcher, and Johnson Lunt kept a crockery store in the next one for a while.

Next to the bridge was a one story building, occupied first by Doctors Bangs and Brooks, later Dr. S. C. Libby. The other tenement was a shoe store, kept by John Adams. A pair of stairs at the end of the bridge led to a fish market, and a tenement occupied by

the widow Cluff, mother of the late and lengthy Sam Cluff, father of the ice man.

I cannot give the outline of Water Street. I have been told that it was a trifle different, and that there was, a while ago, a well on one side of it, between the street and the river, which tradition I should hardly accept, from the street lines of the oldest buildings. It bore the name of Causeway Street many years ago as it was mostly built up of logs, especially near Main Street where there was much filling. It was said to be in the rear of the old store of Twambley & Smith, later L. B. Milliken. If this is so, it must have been in one of the three tenements of the Col. James and Nathaniel Scamman.

The children of Dr. Dewey I mention with the hope that this will not resurrect an ancient matter long relegated to "dust and d--d oblivion." His assumed name was Smith. He married Sarah Dresser, and their children were James and Sarah Smith, the latter Mrs. Charles Leavitt, both nice people. Both of these good people are now living in 1934 I think at Westbrook, F.C.D.

The old Gun House was near Common Street, inside the Common. It was sold to James M. Deering after our cannon was taken from us. He moved it to High

Street where it is now, second house from Beach Street on the east side of High Street.

The Woodsum farm is very near the Buxton line, on the Simpson road. The deacon was the father of Jabez, John, Moses, Sam. and Mrs. Sam. Storer and Mrs. Jerry Gordon. Mrs. Luke Gordon was Hannah Woodsum; I am not sure whether she was of this tribe.

Tucker went from Saco soon after 1830. Shortly before Dr. Packard's decease he moved his effects into the Tucker block. Tucker married Dr. Packard's widow or sister for a second wife.

I have never heard who built the Ferry Farm house. It was built evidently for a lodging house, judging from its original makeup inside. Somehow it came into possession of the Cutts tribe, and I have heard it said that the Nyes occupied it sometime. I do not find anything to sustain this claim. After Maj. Nye died in 1826, somewhere down East, the family might have been in such condition as to engage in something to support the family, which was always in an impoverished condition since I can remember. As long ago as when David Tuxbury was tax collector, Miss Ann Matilda told him that she had "a vision from God, who told her not to pay the

taxes." Tuxbury replied, "I had a vision or word from the same authority, telling me to put you in jail." She was caught in her own trap, and the taxes were forthcoming.

I distinctly remember the old engine house on the square. It was a two story affair, and was either consumed in the big fire, when the Cleaves Tavern (Tufts) was burned, or was moved onto Common Street, and is now on the corner of Common and Bartlett Streets. This house was moved there from Pepperell Square by Elliot Sweetsir at that time, and I think was the engine house. I remember the first fire engine in Saco, the old Plumper, which was a very small affair, and was followed by the Niagara and later the Deluge was added.

In the old days, everybody who owned a house kept fire buckets hanging in the hall, generally. When the first York mill was burned, the people, men and women, formed lines, and passed buckets from hand to hand. The old Plumper was stored on the York for years, and I don't know but what it is there now somewhere, in hiding, as a curiosity.

In regard to the first sawmill on Saco river, I intended to say that Blackman built the first mill on the <u>east</u> branch of the river. If I omitted to so state

it, it was slip of the word "east." I well know that Spencer built the mill on the Biddeford side, and I was born not more than a dozen rods from its location. Both of my grandmothers lived very near the spot.

Haley's Cut is just at the upper end of Rendezvous Point, opposite the old church on the Biddeford side. Benjamin Haley owned a piece of land on the Saco side at this point. It was his grandmother, Mary Haley, who "came to her death through much eating and drinking, wee having no evidence that she was forced thereunto." So said the jury who sat on her remains. I have concluded that this elegant title "Haley's Cut" might have been suggested by this gormandizing of the unfortunate Mary aforesaid.

James Gibbin originally was on the Biddeford side of the river. I think he came over this side after the death of his father-in-law, Thomas Lewis, perhaps earlier, as Lewis had no wife. I think I know where it was, but this is only a conjecture. I believe it was just below Rendezvous Point. I found an old well there and a lot of rotten timbers on time years ago. Anyway, I know it was but a short distance from that section. Lewis' granddaughter, Rachel (Gibbin) Edgecomb,

who was my great, great grandmother, is buried in the old cemetery at this point, and has, so far as I know, the oldest gravestone in either Saco or Biddeford, 1723.

The only people I have heard of, who lived on the East side of Goose Fare were the Abbot and Scamman families. The old Scamman house still remains. It was the residence of the late Amaziah Green, and his father, Ivory Green, before him. This house was the home of Benjamin Scamman, who married Mary Ridlon. She was burned to death in this house a hundred or more years ago, by falling into the fireplace. She was alone at the time, so it was not known how it happened.

I have had an inkling of the lawsuit you refer to in connection with the old first Parish, but have never sought any information concerning it.

The old church was used for many years for a town house, and I have been told by one who remembered it well that it was torn to pieces for firewood in the end. If it was given to Dea. Scamman, I don't think he did anything with the old trap, other than to sell or lease it to the town for the purpose named. The deacon was 84 years old that year, and it would hardly be expected that he would tear it down for it, as cheap as lumber was then.

Parson Fairfield's old house is now a barn on the farm this side of Mrs. Silas Gurney's. He was living, at the time it was built, on the Cemetery side of the road, in a little house later owned by William Deering. John Hanscom, the printer, married Mrs. Deering's daughter and lived there some years. It was torn down quite a number of years ago. It may be that Fairfield built it, but when he built, or either of them was built, I have no dates.

It has been claimed by some that Parson Cogswell built the Goodale house, and that George Thacher bought it of him. As to this I have no knowledge. I have always heard that Thacher built it. Before he lived there, he lived for a time in the wooden house next to the residence of Luther Moore on School Street. This house was used as a hospital for sick soldiers, during the war of 1812, but by whom I could never find out.

I have been told by some of the ancient dwellers on the Ferry road that the Theodore Stevens house, now owned by his son, was almost on the exact spot where Patterson's was.

"Thunder Island" is that high point of land just at the entrance of the Narrows in rear of the

Cemetery. It probably derived its name as an island from the contour of it. It is a peninsula now, but I strongly suspect that it was once an island. There is fair evidence that a slide on the eastern side of it stopped the river from flowing there. When I was a boy there was a house on it, occupied by Alexander Smith, and there are graves there.

It was on Blackman's Falls, or "Cataract," as it is falsely called, that Benjamin Blackman built the first sawmill on the river, he having previously purchased the land on the east side of what is now Main Street, extending to Goose Fare brook. His mill was built about 1685, and the site was many years after covered by the Pepperell mill.

Col. Cutts had a mill on the opposite side of the river, on the island side. Col. Cutt's spillway is seen on the left; his mill farther to the left not visible. The house of Richard Cutts is seen just beyond this spillway. The Pepperell mill has a spillway on the opposite side of the river, below the mill. The old bridge was a few yards above the present Main street bridge. It is related that when the bridge was carried away during a heavy freshet, the town hesitated about

rebuilding and caused much inconvenience thereby, whereupon Mr. John Chadwick, the grandfather of Lydia, proposed to build a bridge if the town would allow him a one cent toll for every person who crossed it. The money came in so much faster than it had been expected that Mr. Chadwick was regarded as a dangerous person, who was getting "rich quick," and the town put into effect a forerunner of the Sherman law, and voted to have the revenue itself, and pay for the bridge in the usual way. The house, sometime occupied by Richard Cutts, was built by his brother, Dominicus Cutts, who later built the old part of the Biddeford poor farm. He became a drunken nuisance, and ended his days by drowning himself at the mouth of Thacher's Creek, after having tied himself to a log so that he would not float off. This was in 1844. His wife was Polly Chadbourne. The house was enlarged once before the brick addition was made under Mayor Staples.

(Miss Hannah Lane, who was a granddaughter of Foxwell Cutts, tells a different story. She said Dominicus was returning from town drunk and fell into the pond south of the Poor Farm buildings.)

July 22, 1893. During the prevalence of a violent wind and rain the old oak on the Common was blown down. This was by no means an unlooked for event, as it had for many years shown strong symptoms of senility, which had been aided by fires that had often been built in its hollow trunk, until it became the wonder of everybody how much more it could stand. It had attained maturity long years ago, and the oldest inhabitant scratched his thinking cap in vain to remember a time when it seemed to grow any.

The rings on its limbs showed it to be of great age, and for a white oak tree to attain this monster size, must have taken several centuries, and it would be safe to say that it might be contemporary with "Good Queen Bess," and the great and only Shakespeare. It might be older than these by a century.

A few leaves from its reminiscences might throw some interesting light on Saco's oldest annals, some things the books do not mention. At any rate it was doubtless the oldest landmark in town, and much of Saco's history had been enacted very near it, and almost within its shadow many of the forefathers of the hamlet were laid to rest, and no one has the least idea whose ashes

he is treading under foot when he "walks the cool, sequestered ways of Pepperell Park."

There were many points of interest within a stone's throw, "Garrison Gray" and the first house in Saco proper, were within speaking distance, the old Pepperell house on the spot where later stood the Bartlett house, John Brown's fort or garrison for the protection of Blackman's mill and the families living near it, Parson Fairfield's church, the old houses on Front Street, the old Soamman and Cutts tombs, the Powder House and Gun House, Pitcher's Pit, the horror of the old time boys of Saco, these and other things having stories of the times, but now obliterated and lost.

Our late fellow townsman, Warren C. Goodwin, purchased the remains, and had it sawed into souvenirs.

Parson Fairfield's family by two wives

1st Mary, widow of Foxwell Curtis Cutts

2nd Patty Ruggles:

Mary Fairfield married Benj. Titcomb, Portland

Elizabeth " Jas. Scamman, Jr. Saco)
" John Storer Wells)

Hannah Fairfield " Samuel Hartley, Boston

Sarah " " Daniel Cleaves

Ichabod " " Sarah (Nason) Scamman

Nancy " " Phineas Hemenway.

Dr. Thomas Gilbert Thornton and Sarah Cutts, married Nov. 26, 1793. Children that lived to grow up.

James Brown married Eliza Gookin

Richard Cutts " Anne Payne

Elizabeth Cutts " Wm. Cutts.

Sarah Cutts " Moses Emery

Mary Coggswell Never married

Anne Payne married John Fairfield

Thomas Gilbert

Albert Gallatin

Caroline Augusta married Wm. Batchelder

Sydney Hampden.

Richard Foxwell Cutts of Berwick married Elizabeth Cutts of Saco, his cousin. Their children and whom they married:-

Wm. Cutts	married	Betsey Thornton, his age at death	81
Eliz. "	"	Tristram Hooper, her " " "	95
Mary Louisa "		Wm. Frost " " " "	93-7
Sarah Foxwell "		Luther Livingstone " " " "	97
Mary Anne "		Samuel Parks " " " "	76
Caroline "		James Webster " " " "	81
Foxwell Curtis "		Lucy Jacobs, his " " "	89
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Children of Col. Tristram Jordan, and whom they married:-

Elizabeth Jordan	married	Capt. Wm. Vaughn, Portland
Sarah Jordan	"	Nathaniel Seamman, Saco
Hannah "	"	1st Capt. Solomon Coit)
		)
		2nd James Perkins)
Olive Jordan	"	Seth Storer
Iohabod "	"	Polly Coffin
Tristram " Jr.	"	1st Sarah Seamman)
		)
		2nd Mercy Bodfish)
Doroas Jordan	"	Edward Tucker

Rishworth Jordan married Mary Sawyer

Mary Jordan " Daniel Granger

Col. Jordan was married three times, and was seeking a fourth companion when his children had him restrained.

As a much married man Ben Soamman of High Street can claim "the cake" for Sacco, if not the entire bake shop of Sam. Moody, and maybe the prospective wheat crop. He came within one of the record number of "England's chronic widower Henry VIII. His matrimonial schemes were as follows:

1816 Sally Blaisdell

1819 Abigail Curtice

1828 Lucy Whitten

1837 Lydia Milliken

1856 Elizabeth Gilpatric

This last venerable spinster"floored him, as did Catherine Parr, Henry the Eighth's sixth choice. Soamman's wives all died natural deaths, and the divorce mills were, in those days, "infant industries."

Parson Morrill's children:

Capt. Samuel Jordan Morrill

John Morrill

Col. Joseph "

Sarah "

Hannah "

Olive "

Mary "

Elizabeth Morrill

Tristram Morrill

Abigail "

Nahum Morrill

Moses Morrill

Lived in Saco in the Bradstreet house at the foot of Front Street. The Capt. Sam. Morrill mentioned below must have been a grandson of the Parson.

Six of these were given the same name as their cousins, the children of Col. Tristram Jordan of Saco. Col. Jordan was a brother to Mrs. Morrill.

Col. Joseph Morrill came to Saco to live and was quite a prominent citizen.

There was also, in my early life, a Capt. Samuel Jordan Morrill, who lived with his daughter,

Mrs. Geo. Hill, at the foot of Front street in the Bradstreet house. If ever there was an old pirate it was "Old Jord. Morrill," as he was called. He had a devil in him bigger than a mastodon, and he was a holy terror to the Saco urchin of those days. They used to go down there in squads to tantalize the old heathen who "raged" and imagined he was still on the high seas and could command, although he was powerless to do anything but "fill the air" with imprecations.

Officials in Pepperellborough in its early history.

1764. David Sawyer, Constable

Maj. Ebenezer Ayer, Surveyor of Highways

John Kendrick)
)
Samuel Banks, Jr.) Tithing-men.

John Kendrick, Leather Sealer

Tristram Jordan, Andrew Bradstreet, Col. Thomas Cutts, Surveyors of Lumber.

1765. The town voted Rev. John Fairfield £8 for firewood.

1768. Dea. Amos Chase, Capt. Joseph Libby, and James Gray chosen a committee to see about changing the Old Orchard road. It then ran from the old "King's Highway" to a point on the Ferry road a short distance above Dea. Chase's house.

There was a Samuel Cutts in Saco this year, but he moved to Buxton later.

1770. Thomas Townsend was appointed Leather Sealer for Pepperrellborough.

Solomon Rose, Jeremiah Ridlon, and Simon Brown, Hog Reeves.

Isaac Robinson was also an official this year.

1773. Caleb Woodbury held some office.

1774. The Old Orchard road was laid out via Rumery's, where this part of it now is. A part of it was changed when the B & M RR was built through this section and laid its road over the road where Mrs. Abbie Swett's house is. Originally the road was from the Ben Soamman house just below the Goose Fare brook, across to the Ferry road, connecting with that at a point between the house of Dea. Amos Chase and the house of Dominicus Soamman, now the Silas Gurney place. Why this change of road was made doth not yet appear, for there were no dwellers on this new route, while there was one family on the old road, possibly more, and "the King's Highway" also came into it near the Abbott farm.

1776. Tristram Jordan, Amos Chase and Dea. Samuel Soamman were the Select-men. These men were much in evidence in Pepperellborough and had a good many terms.

1784-5 The town voted to help build a bridge over the Saco.

1786-7-8 The Selectmen were Dea. Samuel Scamman, James Coffin and Humphrey Pike.

1789 Capt. Seth Storer, Constable, lived on a part of what is now Storer Street. He must have lived in the old house of his father-in-law, Col. Tristram Jordan, as he didn't build the mansion house until sometime near the next century. It was finished in 1798, and fronted on Main Street. Capt. Tristram Storer, his son, built the house now on the Jordan lot, next to the Shannon block.

1790 Humphrey Pike was Town Clerk. He lived on the hill overlooking the river, on the south side of Front Street, not far from "the Falls." The Pikes were quite plenty and prominent in Saco and Biddeford in the early years of the last century.

This year the town voted to allow Capt. Abner Sawyer the balance of his account for building the bridge or causeway from Blackman's falls to Samuel Dennett's

at the head of what is now Water Street.

Dennett's sawmill and tannery were in this locality. There had been for many years a road covering practically the present Water Street up to this date, or a little earlier, as Capt. Sawyer's account must have hung fire for quite a while.

1791. The Selectmen were Dea. Samuel Soamman, Humphrey Pike, and Dr. Josiah Fairfield.

1792. Peter Page was pound keeper.

1793 It was voted to take down the dam of Capt. Seth Spring at the junction of Causeway Street and Spring's Lane, as our present Elm Street was then only a wood road of Capt. Spring's and Samuel Dennett's. This dam of Capt. Spring's overflowed the street, which has since been elevated and much improved.

1796 Nicholas Dennett and James Coffin were elected Selectmen. These men lived near the two ends of the town, Dennett above Deep Brook and Coffin near the Ferry.

1796 The town voted on the question of moving the meeting house of Parson Fairfield up to the County road.

James Gray,

Town Clerk.

1797. James Coffin, James Gray and Prentiss Mellen were Selectmen. This settles the question as to Judge Mellen being at any time a resident of Saco. He first settled in Biddeford, where he lived in the McCobb house (now standing, 1913) Later he moved to Portland, and was promoted Chief Justice later.

This same year Beach Street was laid out from Paul Junkin's house, situated a few rods west of Laurel Hill Cemetery, just below the present residence of James A. Gray. Previous to this the old road from Pipe Stave Point and from the Ferry formed a junction and ran in a northwesterly direction to the Moody tavern on the Portland road. It ran diagonally from Beach to Main Street. I have traced quite a bit of it between the Toppan house and its junction with the Portland road, as Main Street was then called. The new location was from Paul Junkin's to "Buxton Corner" as the junction of Main, North and Beach Streets was then called.

1798-9 The Boom road was changed from the low land, following the river, to the higher land where it now runs. Previous to this time it had followed the river from Dennett's to a point nearby abreast of Capt. Abner Sawyer's where it turned and ran through his land, and connected further on with the road to Jordan's mill or Deep Brook, where the New County road now crossed. Col. Jordan had a mill here, and his grandson, Samuel Scamman Jordan later had a tannery. Later the river road was extended up the river, and embraced that section known now as "Loudon" on account of one of its first settlers, who came from Loudon county, Virginia, Mr. George Dolby, who married Hephzibah Sawyer. Some of his descendants are with us, as the court records show of late years.

1799 A school house and pound were built on the lot of an acre that had been selected for the church lot. This school house was nearly opposite the present Middle Street school house built 1840.

SOME LOCAL ITEMS CONCERNING SACO

Not Contained in Folsom's History.

1764.

David Sawyer, father of Capt. Abner Sawyer, and grandfather of Col. Abner, who lived on the site of Alonzo Sawyer's house, off Boom road, was elected constable of Pepperellborough.

Capt. Abner married Mary Staples of Biddeford. Col. Abner Sawyer married Lucy Thacher of Biddeford. Mrs. Sawyer died 1820; the Colonel died 1829, age 45.

Maj. Ebenezer Ayer was chosen surveyor of highways. He married the widow of James Scamman, the mother of Col. James. Maj. Ayer lived in the original Scamman house that stood, until quite recently, in rear of the York Bank and the store now (1914) occupied by W. E. Freeman. This store is on the site of a building owned by the Thorntons in 1800.

1773

Caleb Woodbury was living here, probably the father of James Woodbury, who married Sarah Bryant, and was the one for whom the Woodbury Brook was named. He

built the first house on "Spring Road "(now Elm St.) The house, remodelled, is still there and is owned (1914) by W. T. Douglas.

1775

The town was much agitated over the difference with the "Mother Country," and sustained the colonists enthusiastically. Col. James Scamman was given command of a regiment, and was at Bunker Hill, but shortly after resigned. Some slanderous persons attached a stigma to his name which might have checked his usefulness in the service.

1785

The town voted to assist in building the bridge. It was probably the bridge below the Blackman Falls at the foot of Front Street. It so, it was the only sensible place at the head of tide water. It was allowed to go to ruin on account of the proposed extension of Main Street from Mill Street to the river, when a much shorter bridge would do. In 1835 only the stringers were left, and only steady headed people dared to perform this piece of acrobatism. Mr. John Chadwick fell from it, and was drowned, and no particulars

of the accident are available. There were then no Dailies, and the ubiquitous reporter who now goes around "wid the news and his pinoil" was not even in embryo.

1789

Capt. Seth Storer was elected constable. He lived on what is now Storer Street, but not in any house now standing. In 1776 he married Olive Jordan, daughter of Col. Tristram and Hannah (Goodwin) Jordan. Mr. Jordan had moved to his estate at Deep Brook, and it is probable that Storer absorbed the late town house of his father-in law, which was on the knoll where Capt. Tristram Storer built the house now on Storer Street, and owned by Fenderson heirs. Capt. Seth Storer later built the mansion house in rear of the Saco Savings Bank, now owned by Miss Adelaide Jordan, daughter of Capt. Geo. V. Jordan and Sarah Ann Scamman, daughter of Hon. Geo. and Elizabeth (Atkinson) Scamman. This house of Storer's was completed in 1798. Capt. Storer died in Richmond, Va., 1821, where he was in command of a vessel. This fine old specimen of Colonial architecture has been almost remodelled out of sight and proportion. Col. "Jack" Spring,

who married Olive Storer, occupied it for years after Mrs. Storer's death. Later still it was used as a hotel, and named the Mechanics House.

February 21, 1829.

The first Saco cotton mill and boarding house burned. They were wooden buildings, and were soon replaced with brick to the number of five, and as many blocks of boarding houses. In 1840, two large blocks were erected on Gooch Street. They have all given place to new mills and buildings used for storage of manufactured goods and raw cotton. My paternal and maternal ancestors lived on the other side of the river, on land now covered by the Pepperell and Laconia corporations. I was born over there before there was a brick or stone laid on either of those corporations.

1841.

Sold at Auction - A lot of land with the stable thereon. This lot was on the corner of School and Middle Streets. The stable, which had been a store house of Capt. Thomas Cutts', was converted into a dwelling house, one tenement of which was occupied by

"Lady Smith," so called. She was a vocalist quite above any of the leading cantatrices of the time in Saco or Biddeford, and probably derived her high sounding title from this fact.

At the same sale 17/24ths of the Scamman house was sold. This house was in rear of S. L. Goodale's store, now occupied by W. E. Freeman (1914)

Judge Thacher's Children, Sarah Savage.

Henry	married	Wentworth
Josiah	"	Jane Scamman
George	"	Lucy Bigelow
Philip		
Lucy	married	Col. Abner Sawyer.

SOME PEOPLE IN SACO WHO DIED YOUNG.

1853

Miss Olive Soamman	73
Mr. Stephen Sawyer	73-6
Mrs. Ann Boothby	86
Mrs. Eunice Cutts Nye	71-4
Mr. Richard Berry	90

1854

Mrs. Lucretia Ridlon	74
Mrs. Mary Pike	82-4
Mrs. Caroline Hearn	83
Mrs. Mary L. Livingston	89-3
Mrs. Record	83
Mr. Ephraim Fenderson	83
Mrs. Mary Libby	89
Mrs. Mary Ayer	97
Mr. Ben. Harmon	82
Mrs. Mary Libby	78
Mrs. Sam. J. Morrill	71
Mrs. Sam'l Lowell	73-9

1855

Mrs. Joanna Hanson	
Mrs. Charity Merrill	83
Capt. Wm. Marshall	95
Mr. Zachariah Harmon	78
Mr. Edward Emery	87
Mr. Jos. Patterson	93
Mr. Westbrook Berry	82
Mr. Ed. S. Moulton	77
Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson	86
Capt. Wm. Murch	83
Mr. Mark Fernald	66
Mr. Aaron Soamman	80

1856

Mr. Tristram Jordan	87-5
Mrs. Shackley	83
Wm. Trickey	78
Mrs. Jane C. Patterson	75

Mrs. Elizabeth Howe	78
Mr. Roger Edgecomb	88-8
Mr. David Burnham	79
Mrs. A. B. Edcombe	80-10
Mrs. Elizabeth LaCount	93-11
Mrs. Rachel Stacy	80-3
John Shepley, Esq.	70

1857

Capt. Sam. Hartley	88
Mrs. Phebe Berry	82-6
Mr. Joseph Graffam	85
Ww. Lydia Gowen	77-8
Sam'l Haines	84
Mrs. Olive Googins	85
Ww. Sarah Marshall	85-9
Mrs. Nancy S. Johnson	81
Mr. Jo. Googins	85
Mrs. Enoch Goodale	72
Mrs. Hannah S. Tucker	76
Mrs. Patience Hookey	78
Mrs. Hannah Gordon	83
Mrs. Lydia Haines	84-10
Miss Elizabeth Moody	84-11
John F. Soamman	71-5
Mrs. A. Patten	82-8
Mr. Stephen Fairfield	86-1

1858

Col. John Spring	76-3
Capt. Sam. Sawyer	8[illegible]
Mrs. Jane Googins	
Mrs. Polly Dearborn	

1859

Stephen Milliken	95-5
Mrs. Elizabeth Goldthwaite	84
Mrs. Hannah Milliken	87
Mrs. Sarah F. Soamman	72-6
Mrs. Sally Foss	87
Mrs. Sam. Storer	70-2

1860

Mrs. Mary Jordan	85-6
Thomas Dyer	76-3
Wm. Fogg	84
Capt. Wm. Coffin	81
Ww. Olive S. Spring	75
Mrs. Elizabeth Stevenson	85

1861

Jonathan Tucker	84-11
Dr. Ben. Colby	74
Phil. A. K. Jones	71-9
Wm. Patterson	67-9
Mrs. Jemima Stevens	78-8
Mrs. Prudence Shute	73
Mrs. Abigail Dame	92-6
Mrs. Jane Berry	90
Mrs. Stephen Sawyer	79-5
Jerry Gordon	63-8
Mrs. Sarah Bryant	77-5
Mrs. Elizabeth Libby	91-3
Ww. Sarah Hill	70-4

1862

Ebenezer Cleaves	72-8
John Johnson	72
Ben Grant	86
T. Googins	90
Rob. Cleaves	79
Mrs. Mary K. Crosby	64-6
Mrs. Isabella Cole	86-8

1863

Rufus Banks	71-6
Mrs. Sally Milliken	72-6
Geo. Simpson	77
Ww. Lucy G. Rumery	69-8
Phebe Stuart	86
Mary Pritham	72
Gid. Tucker	61-4

1863

Sarah Tuttle	75
Narcissa Came	76
E. Wilkinson	90
Sarah Bayley	76

1864

Nehemiah Staples	73
Hannah Coit	85
A. Forsskoll	74-4
Pelatiah Caime	83
Rep. Dyer	75-9
Betsey Harmon	75
Nathan Leonard	65
James Mitchell	87
Hannah Emery	79
Sarah Grant	79

1865

John Kelly, Sr.	76
Sally Eastman	75
Capt. Ichabod Jordan	94-8
T. Goodwin	80
Mary Dearing	85-2
Hannah Soamman	92-10
Robert Tounge	63-6
Mrs. Sarah Fairfield	91-9
Hannah Merrill	70-2
Mary Gordon	85-6
Nat. Deering	74
Mrs. Sarah Banks	96-2
Abigail Rice	89-7

1866

Wm. Deering	80
Geo. Boothby	82-3
Hannah Watson	84-8
Rufus Fogg	89-7
Amos Gordon	73
Ww. Hannah Hartley	94-9

1866

Mark Billings	75	
Joshua Moody	88-8	
Ed. Tucker	82-7	
Ww. Abigail Shepley	70	
Jane Seavey	79-9	

1867

Wm. Cutts	81-7	
Rob. Jameson	88-11	
John Berry	83	
Stephen Eastman	76-10	
Priscilla Staples	86-6	
Miss Mary Hartley	67-11	

1870

Geo. Scamman	81-4	
John Johnson	87	
Sol. Seavey	75	
Ivory Ellis	90-11	
Wm. Stevenson	86-10	

1840

Noah Kendrick	69	
Ab. Tyler	79	1841
Eliz. C. Cutts	42	"
Mrs. Kendrick	64	"
Mrs. Eliz. Fairfield 2nd	81	
Dea. Sam'l Woodsum	86	
Ww. Sarah Fernald	79	
Ww. Sawyer	89	
Pel. Harmon	80	
Ww. Aphia Haley	63	1842
Mary Andrews	85	
Mary Sawyer	82	
Mary Pritham	83	
Stephen Googins	87	Rev. Soldier

1842.

Sarah Evans Cole	75	Wife of Maj. Dan
Ww. Sally Rose	81	
Ww. Gracia Jameson	88	
Ww. Olive Jordan Storer	82	
Mrs. Lucy Sellea	73	
Mrs. Eliz. Noble	75	
Ww. Mary Morrill	91	

1843

Ww. Lydia Hill	79	
Eliz. Scamman	90	Widow of Ebenezer
Hannah Patterson	78	
Ebenezer Dennett	82	
Mrs. Robt. Patterson	72	

1844

Jameson, Martin	76	
Thacher, Mrs. Geo.	84	
Sellea, Capt. John	77	

1845

Libby, Sarah	77	
Bond, Susanna	77	
Cleaves, Hannah	82	
Cole, William	76	
Tuttle, Stephen	73	
Porterfield, Mrs. C.	90	

1846

Jere Staples	81	
Mrs. Snow	81	
Mrs. Mary Staples	78	

1847

Soamman, Mrs. Rachel	76	
Deering, Lucretia	95	
Gordon, Charity	81	
Googins, Geo.	84	
Junkins, Mrs. Mary	76	
Libby, Mrs. Mary	87	
Banks, Nancy	76	
Mrs. Means	82	Widow of George
Berry, Mrs. Anna	78	
Haynes, Elijah	77	

1848

Woodbury, Mrs. Sarah	80-1	
Grace, Mr. John	87	
Kendrick, Ruth	88	Widow of Samuel
Johnston, Mrs. Olive	79-5	
Googins, Margery	80	
Cole, Joseph	70	
Wood, Mrs. Sally	77	
Heath, Nicholas	79	
Boothby, Capt. Conelius	75	
Simpson, Benjamin	95	Rev. Soldier, Boston Tea Party

1849

Foss, Joseph	76	
Stacy, Sarah	75	
Richards, Ww.	101-11	
Soamman, Nath'l	82	
Tapley, John	82	
Cole, Maj. Dan.	82	
Deering, Thomas	74	
Jefferds, Mrs. Betsey	78	
Heath, Ww. Ruth	79	
Bickford, Sammy	91	
Richards, Joseph	92	
Davis, Ww. Martha	79	
Watson, Jonathan	79	

1850

Rollins, Mrs. Lydia	91
Greene, Josiah	84
Huff, Joseph	77
Foss, Ww. Mary	79
Roney, Mrs. Ellen	75
Cole, Mrs. Charity	87
Stone, Abner	91
Libby, Mrs. Sarah	88

1851

Dennett, Mrs. Nancy	73
Batchelder, Ww. Anne	79
Tilton, Sherburne	74
Seamman, Nicholas	71
Hooper, Samuel	72
Hutchins, Ww. Charity	74
Pike, Mr.	74
Googins, Elisha	75-7
Googins, Ww. Geo.	76

1852

Johnson, Nat.	73
Stuart, Sol.	74
Colly, John	77
Stone, Capt. Josiah	81
Milliken, Edward	85
Colbroth, Sam.	89
Foss, James	87
Wardwell, Lydia Smith	74
Seamman, Richard	77-11

1853

King, Hannah Storer	75
Milliken, Maj. Jere	70
Bridges, John	76
Wardwell, Eliakim	75
Seamman, Miss Olive	73
Stephen Sawyer	73-6
Boothby, Mrs. Ann	86

1801

Ww. Hannah Ayer, Col. James Scamman's mother, and widow of Maj. Ebenezer Ayer.

Elizabeth Cutts, wife of Col. Thomas Cutts 1803

Elizabeth Cutts " " Capt. " " 1803

James Gray 1803

John Pike 1803

Lt. James Foss, Rev. Soldier 1804

Sarah Gray, wife of James

Col. James Scamman 1804

James Scamman, Jr. (Colonel's Son) 1789

Daniel Scamman " " 1804

Parker Wentworth 1806

Sarah (Scamman) Cutts (Colonel's daughter) 1806

David King, merchant 1806

John Pritham, drowned 1807

Francis Tucker, age 100 1789

Elizabeth Scamman, age 86 1816

Thomas Haley 1816

Capt. Asa Stevens - Lucy Bradstreet 1816

James Woodbury 1816

Gen. Cyrus King, 46 1817

Dea. Amos Chase, 100 - Sarah Cole 1818

Jane Jameson, 83, widow of William	1818
William Pepperell Moody	1787
J. Phillips Sr.	1819
Eliz. Rumery, 83, widow of Edward	1820
Col. Thomas Cutts, 85	1821
Hannah (Page) Soamman, widow of Col. James	1821
Bethesda Ridlon, 80	1821
Mrs. Jenkins, 52, wife of Thomas	1821
Sarah (Soamman) 53, wife of Tristram Jordan Jr.	1821
Mary Shannon " " Dr. R.C.Shannon	
Col. Tristram Jordan, Sr. 90-5	1821
Spring S. Storer	1822
Sarah Soamman, wife of Dea. Samuel	1822
Capt. Joseph Bradbury	1822
Eleanor Pike, 80, widow of Israel	1823
Capt. Abner Sawyer	1823
T. G. Thornton, Sr. 54-6	1824
Job. Tapley	1824
Iohabod Fairfield, Governor's father	1824
Capt. Wm. Cole, 84	1824
Martha Coffin, 82, wife of James	1825
Elisha Staples, 89	1825
Capt. James B. Thornton, built stone store 1817	1825
John Kendrick, 95	1825
Edward Rumery, 78	1809
Robert Patterson, 84	1798
Jane Patterson, his widow	1809
Sarah (Elwell) Soamman , wife of Isaac	1808
Jos. and Elizabeth Soamman	1785
Sally (Goodwin) Hooper,wife of Tristram	1810
Robert Tongue) Died on the brig Hazard,	
Jere Murray) Capt. Wm. Chase, 1810	
Thos. Kimball	
Widow Martha Kneeland, 78	1810
George Dolby	1810
Widow Mehitable Kimball) 92	1811
Formerly Mehitable Soamman) Mother of Dea.	
nee " Hinkley) Samuel Soamman	
Sarah Gray, widow of James, 82	1811
Sarah Warren, wife of Samuel	1811
Capt. Wm. Sutherland, killed at N. Orleans	1812
Capt. Loring Tarbox	1812
Isaac Soamman	1812

Abigail Morrill, wife of Capt. S. J. Morrill		1813
Joel Tapley		1781
Maj. Stephen Bryant, 84		1814
Mary Chadwick, widow of John, Sr.		1814
Samuel Warren, 87		1814
Lucy Bradstreet, wife of Asa Stevens		1815
Israel Pike, 72		1815
Jacob Randall		1816
Jere Ridlon, 80		1816
Eliz. Cole, 72, wife of Capt. Wm.		1816
Googins, Alvin. B.		1812
Nabby, Ridlon	82-5	1885
Fernald, David	83-10	1876
Fernald, Mary	86-10	1890
Moody, Mary	86	1869
Deering, J. R.	91	1905
Deering, Mrs. J. R.,	90	1899
Soamman, Eliz.	86	1876
Chase, Mrs. Alice	95-3, wife of Capt. Wm	1876
Chase, Capt. Wm.	75-8	1852
Chick, Jane S.	83	1911
Patterson, David	) 85-5	1880
Patterson, Phebe	) 74-10	1873

1847.

SOME BUSINESS FIRMS IN SACO.

Isaac Crooker - Books and Stationery.

Wm. Matthews - 53 Factory Island, formerly occupied by Wm. Hiddon & Co.
Millinery & Hose

Staples & Towle, Successors to Crooker.
No. 1 Cataract Block

Alonzo Hamilton & Co.
Dry Goods - Cutts Block

J. M. & J. G. Deering
Sporting Powder, Scythes, Shovels
Sugar, Cement, Glass, Steel-plated
Shovels.
Pepperell Square

Timothy J. Murray - York Dispensary
Followed after the great fire by
Tristram Gilman, Dr. Charles Murch,
S. F. Shaw, and Sam. Lord.

Murray kept his dispensary in Batchelder's Block, a two story building between the Water Power and Cataract Blocks. He afterwards kept his store in the place where the Saco National Bank now is.

1847

Horatio N. Macomber,
Daguerreotype Rooms,
No. 7 Batchelder's Block
Up Stairs.

Wm. Bradbury & Joseph Sweetser,
Lumber Dealers,
Headquarters Bangor.
Had an office in Abner Blaisdell's store, the same store that Murray occupied after the fire on the Island.

Twambley & Smith
Hardware & Jewelry
Soamman & Andrews Block
They were the first dealers in kerosene oil in Saco and Biddeford. It retailed at 90 cents per gal., but had been over one dollar at first. It was a villainous article.

Thomas Buckminster & Abram Forsskoll
Coffins and Cabinet Maker
Pepperell Square & Main St.

John G. Hayes) Hats, Caps and Furs
Wm. Perkins)
In a store where now stands the Deering Block, corner Pepperell Square and Main Street.
Later the firm comprised Geo. Adams and Hayes, John G.

Spring's Island Woolen & Fulling Mill
Hill, Bridges & Co.

S. L. Goodale,
Apothecary and School Books, where Henry Dennett now is.

Henry T. Wentworth
Stable
York Hotel.

Stage to Limerick, Limington and other towns from the Thornton House.
Fare to Limerick $1.00

Boyd's Express
Luther Livingston's Store
Offices at James D. Goodwin's and Thomas P. Tufts' Tavern

Saco House,
N. O. Kendall.

Thornton House,
Just opened by J. Hale Coffin
Thornton Cutts Emery

Telegraph on exhibition in Cincinnati.

Lowell & Edwards
Sheet Iron, Tin Ware and Stoves
Pepperell Square.
Moses Lowell - Orrin Edwards.
Later they built the brick house on Thornton Avenue.

1847

Miss M. A. Mead kept school in the new school house on Main Street, opposite the Library. This was an old building moved from the Ferry, and was first fitted up for a school room,and a library was kept there for a time. It was used one time for a high school for Saco, and was taught by a Mr. Chadwell. In late years it has been remodelled into a dwelling and has been occupied successively by John Sweetser, Dr. Maxcy and the present incumbents, the Willsons.

Simon Wardwell, oldest child of Eliakin and Lydia Smith Wardwell was a visitor here in 1892, after an absence of sixty-four years. He was born in Pepperellborough, 1802, but not in the Wardwell house, as his father built that a few years after. The elder Wardwell had a shop for cobbling in the old Nye house, which was then used as a tavern. Simon remembers when his father pastured his cow on land which is now the lower part of Free Street. He remembered how Saco was when he went away in 1828. He informed me that Sammy Bickford's old house was made from Dea. Gray's hog-pen, and that the Geo. Thacher house on School Street was a hospital for

sick soldiers during the war of 1812. At this time, the Crosby house (so called) was occupied by a man named Pitcher, after whom "Pitcher's Pit" was named.

The exceedingly old house that stood near the Main Street end of Free Street was an old Soamman house moved onto the spot from the lower part of the town. Several things would lend a suspicion to its being the old Soamman garrison house, purchased by Robert Gray in 1740. Some people thought it was the Dominicus Soamman house from the Ferry road. This Dominicus was a brother to Mrs. Col. Cutts, and a son of Dominicus and Rebecca (Smith) Soamman, who died so suddenly of fever, as recorded in Folsom.

Mr. Wardwell, although only a lad, remembers that he followed our artillery down to the Ferry when the British man-of-war, the "Bulwarks" came into the Pool, and destroyed some ships and a warehouse of Capt. Thomas Cutts, and received from him a sum of money, ransom for a ship then building.

Mr. Wardwell also remembered that when Rev. Coggswell was ordained there was a barbecue held on the land now bounded by Main, Beach and Middle Streets, extending on Main Street from the Leland house to Beach

Street, and down Middle Street to the Capt. Thomas Cutts lot, below Mrs. John S. Locke's residence.

He also remembered distinctly the funeral of Gen. Cyrus King, 1817, as he then lived on Middle street directly in rear of Gen. King's estate. He remembers the visit of President Munroe, and was a member of the cavalcade that escorted Lafayette into Saco, and out of it.

During Mr. Wardwell's time in Saco till 1828 there was not a house on High Street, and nothing on School Street from the Ben Pike house to the Thacher house, and the Capt. Fernald house on the opposite side of School Street above High.

The Thomas Cutts storehouse or stable was on the vacant lot corner of Middle and School. There were only three streets running from Main to Elm, then called "Spring's Lane," and later, after being laid out in 1828, called "Spring Road," later Elm Street.

1841

Caution to Tattlers and Tale Bearers.

Stories in circulation to my wife that I get hot, and stay at public houses and Irish shanties on the railroad must cease.

Thomas Shea.

Thomas C. Oakes, a tailor, was doing business on Factory Island.

T. S. Greenwood, 36 Fac. Island

Boots & Shoes.

SOME OF SACO'S ANCIENT CITIZENS

BORN

John Rumery	1765	Sol. Hopkins	1757
Doreas Rumery	1770	Han. "	1768
Job. Hanscom	1769	J. Woodbury	1769
Rachel "	1769	Sarah B. "	1767
T. Googins	1771	Wm. Carl	1763
Ruth "	1768	Patience Carl	1762
Jas. Foss	1749	Sam. Edgecomb	1764
Mary "	1751	Mary "	
T. Deering	1753	Eph. Bryant	1747
Wm. Jameson	1736	Hep. Bryant	
Jane "	1735	Jas. Coffin	1745
Job. Tapley	1736	Martha Coffin	
Susanna "	1740	Dav. Patterson	1764
Sol. Rose	1760	Ellinor "	1765
Sally "	1761	Jos. "	1767
F. Scamman	1750	Hep. "	1771
Eb. "	1754	Eliakim Tarbox	1749
T. Brannan	1755	Eunice "	1756
Mary "	1755	Ben. Foss	1762
J. Googins	1745	Mary "	1751
Sus. Googins	1755	Noah Kendrick)	
I. Scamman	1743	Polly P. ")	
Sarah Scamman	1742	Elias Parcher	1747
John Scamman	1753	Olive "	1753
Eliz. Scamman	1754	Dan. Bryant	1758
Eph. Bryant, Jr.	1768	Sarah "	
Martha " "	1770	Sam Chase	1745
Wm. Phillips	1765	Han. "	
Polly "	1767	Amos "	1765
Jesse Whitney	1765	Sam. "	1766
Mary "		Wm. Foss	1766
		Mary "	1765

1841

J. Fountain, Barber, Factory Island

York Bank,
Henry S. Thacher, Cashier
July, 1841

Seth Storer Fairfield was an auctioneer; built the house on Elm Street, second from North Street on the right.

July 23rd. John W. Pitcher of Saco leaped overboard from sloop Morning Star, off the cape of Philadelphia and was drowned.

William Pepperell Cole kept a restaurant at 129 Fac. Island. He informs the public that he does not, and never did keep rum, gin, Cherry brandy, port and Madeira, wine, strong beer nor cider to wash down late suppers, as is customary in other places, the assertions of my friends to the contrary notwithstanding.

1841.

York Hotel remodelled and enlarged and leased by Jerry Gordon, who began the hotel business in Saco, by leasing the John Cleaves tavern, where he succeeded Charles Hayes, who had moved into the new Pepperell

House, on the opposite side of Common Street.

Henry J. Rice kept a grocery store on Pepperell Square, as did also John Gilpatrick.

Simon H. Milliken also kept a grocery store there, but soon after was appointed Station Agent on the P. S. & P. RR, which began running in 1842.

November 30th, 1841, a Portland paper contained this announcement:-

"It will be of interest to many of our readers to know that the section of the railroad between this city and Saco (Biddeford being then a little better than a cow pasture, and poor at that) is now nearly completed, and there is some expectation that it will be open for traffic and travel the latter part of December."

Simon H. Milliken was the first "Depo Marster," which so aroused the disgust of old 'Srah Graffam, that he exclaimed, with sulphurous vehemence, "The State of Maine made a G-d D-n fool of itself electin' Sime Milliken depo marster."

1841

Mr. Samuel Adam, A. M. of Thornton Academy died in Florida.

1841.

Mr. Abel Hersey resigned from the Manufacturer's Bank, and was succeeded by S. S. Fairfield as cashier.

S. T. Shannon had a furniture store at the corner of Main and Storer streets.

Sam. Whitten owned a house and blacksmith shop on the monument lot. Later he lived on Elm Street and still later built the house now owned (1914) by the Horace S. Hall heirs on Cutts Avenue.

Lauriston Ward was an attorney here and acted as auctioneer sometimes. He afterwards was elected to Congress. He married Gen. King's daughter for a second wife.

1842

Warren Phillips was keeping a furniture store on Pepperell Square and was followed there by a man named Walker, who married a daughter of Mr. John Hilton, who lived on the corner of Common and High Streets.

David Tuxbury bought the old toll house, and moved it up onto the extension of Main Street. It was set up directly on the river bank, in front of the old

Pepperell mill. Tuxbury was in the butcher business, and later he took a partner, Charles Hill of Waterborough, whose sister he had married. Both of these men built houses on what is now Lincoln Street, and later they purchased the Moses Emery and James B. Thornton houses on upper Main Street.

G. F. H. Illsley kept a singing school in Auber Hall over the store of Frank Littlefield. Later one was kept there by Steven Vickery.

J. Q. Scamman and Thomas McHayes, graduates of Bowdoin, opened a private school in the Mason's Hall on Pleasant Street (Tucker Block) Instruction was given in the languages and other branches of study usually pursued in Academies and High Schools.

These gentlemen believe that their connection as associate teachers, sustained by the constant and exclusive attention of both to the duties of their profession will secure the confidence of the pupils and the community. Tuition 3.00

Sept. 13, 1841.

The fall term of Thornton Academy will commence on Monday the 20th instant.

Samuel W. Coburn,
Teacher.

Rufus Nichols)
Gideon Tucker) Trustees.

1849

S. L. Goodale, druggist

Frenk & Co., daguerreotype
#2 Cataract Block

C. W. Boothby, Tailor, next York Bank

T. K. Lane, grocer, auctioneer.

Soamman & Tapley, over Boothby's Store

Bradley & Eastman, over Stone Store

Thomas M. Hayes - J. Shepley
Moody & Shepley Building.

I. S. Cushman, druggist,
37 Factory Island
Residence High Street.

Melville Hovey, paint shop, Storer Street.

Ship Empire State, 1640 tons, the largest ship in the world. How like pigmies seem our ships of 1912 '13 and '14.

H. A. Prescott, Clothing
#4 Deering Block

Pepperell House, later named American House
Moses Hill, Prop.

Ivory Dame, Hats, Caps etc.,
Next door to Tuxbury & Hills

Noyes & Warren, Boots & Shoes
36 Factory Island

Mechanic's Hall, Storer Street
"Lady of Lyons" played for Mr. Merryfield's Benefit.

Cutts' Hall, Cutts Block, on the site now occupied by Calef's Block, burned this year with all the buildings on the west side of Main Street over the bridge.

1851

G. D. Hamlin, white oak pumps
Pleasant Street.

E. G. Lane, Hats - No. 3 Cataract Block

E. R. Wiggin, Atty. - Soamman & Cole Bldg.

Dr. Kimball, Corner Middle & Free

J. R. Deering, Edge Tools, North Street.

J. G. Rollins, successor to I. S. Cushman

C. W. Boothby, Clothing - 66 Batchelder's Block

S. B. Adams, Dry Goods, 38 Factory Island

Peter Fothier, Wedding Cake, Toys etc.
Tuxbury & Hill Bldg.

Geo. I. Goodwin, successor to James D. Goodwin
Pepperell Square

Geo. W. Shannon, dry goods, under York Bank

E. B. Huff, Tailor - Cutts Block

C. L. Gilpatric, Tailor, Main Street

John W. Smith, Crockery and glass
96 Factory Island

T. J. Murray, Dispensary,
Near Bank Building.

James Scamman Goodwin, M. D.
Res. junction of Main & Elm Sts

Owen & Moulton - Dissolved partnership

John Guiney sent to jail for selling rum by
Judge Green, a great drinker of
rum.

1852

Ira Dresser, Fur Goods, Corner Main & Water Streets
Building recently occupied by
Oliver D. Boyd & Josiah Calef.

Stillman B. Emery, Hats and Caps
#3 Cataract Block

1841.

Launched from the shipyard of Edmund and Elisha Perkins, Biddeford, a brig of 200 tons, named Thomas Cutts. This was the third one this year.

Dr. Benjamin Colby came here. Had an office around the corner from the Water Power block on Factory Island. He was succeeded there by Dr. Wm. Bailey, a notorious quack and hypocrite, exceeding heavy on exhortation and prayer.

Charles E. Sheafe, Atty. at law.
Office over J. M. Deering's store on Pepperell Square.

Isaac Gleason was keeping a dry goods store in the Soamman and Andrews Block in the same store where Beckwith now keeps an apothecary shop.

There was a fire in the Leland house, occupied by Henry S. Thacher and Alexis Merrill.

Dea. Hayes was keeping store on Factory Island, and kept hogs in rear of the Cutts house.

1841

Capt. Nahum McCusick of Limerick chosen Mayor of the 1st Battalion in place of George A. Warren who had been chosen Major General. At this time Warren was living in Saco, son of Thomas Warren of Front Street, house built 1746 by Samuel Warren. The Major General married a daughter of Thomas P. Tufts, who kept the old Cleaves tavern on Common Street.

Capt. Ira H. Foss of Saco, afterward agent of the York Company, married another daughter of Mr. Tufts. Eliza Ann Tufts remained in single blessedness till death relieved her of all uncertainty.

Porter & Hidden,
Dry Goods,
Factory Island.

Ben. Dunn, Deputy Sheriff
Lived on Middle Street, house now owned by Geo. E. Twambley.

Register of Deeds,
John Skeele,
Main Street.

Seleuoas Adams was keeping a store where Gilman Deering's block now is on Mill, Main and Pepperell Square.

He kept tin ware, and a kind of general store. He married Olive Goodrich of Biddeford.

April 4th: "Died at his official residence in Boston, Wm. Henry Harrison, President of the United States." This geographical blunder was perpetrated by an English paper, and is only equalled by another, which spoke of "Plymouth Rock in Virginia."

Joseph Johnston,
Coffins and Cabinet Work.
Corner of Middle & Free Streets.

Greeley's Bonnet Rooms, No. 5-6
Upstairs, Batchelder's Block
Factory Island.

Hugh O'Donnell, Barber
Gilpatric Block
Pepperell Square.

House lots for sale by Seth Storer, Jr.
38 lots on Green, Temple and Pleasant Streets,
F. F. Storer, 65 Batchelder's Block

William Alden,
Shoe Store - where Ed. Fay now is.
Lived in the Rowland Hill house.
Mrs. Alden eloped with her daughters husband, thereby producing some disturbance in the family.

N. G. Wood,
Watches & Jewelry,
65 Factory Island.

No. 3 Cataract Block
Kept by E. S. Goodhue, who lived on
James Street.

Saco enjoyed library privileges at a period when these institutions were very scarce. As early as 1790 the old "Social Library" was flourishing. It was a subscription affair, and was doing business until after the York Company commenced business here in 1830. Its catalogue of 1806 contained sixty-two titles, of which but a few were fiction. These books were carefully and thoroughly read, and read so many times that their contents became part and parcel of the mental equipment of those who cared for culture.

Fines were levied for the most trifling causes, as books were a very precious article in those times, when to own a book was quite a mark of distinction here. How their optics would have bulged if they had seen the flood of literature we now see, as well as some of the vast and elegant structures which now house our books and valuable documents.

DEDICATION ODE

By Charles H. Granger, Saco.

When toward the arching skies,
Rear'd by the hand of art,
Man's noble structures rise,-
Then by the grateful heart
Due praise should joyfully be giv'n,
To God who sends the pow'r from heav'n.

'Tis he with care so kind
Upholds us with his hand:-
'Tis he inspires the mind,
And guides Art's magic wand,
Whose touch indeed with wondrous skill
Makes senseless things obey our will.

In other lands behold
Proud palaces and halls,
With roofs of shining gold,
And painted floors and walls,-
Where lofty despots proudly sit,
While slaves obedient 'round them flit.

But look with mournful eye,-
Oh list with pitying ear,-
And hear the poor man's sigh,
Behold the widow's tear.
Crush'd down to earth, the millions moan,
'Neath tyrant yokes they sweat and groan.

Not so do Freemen weep:
But strong in manhood's pride
Their bending knees they keep
For God, and none beside;
And while their palace walls upspring,
Each man is "every inch a king."

Let Freedom's sons rejoice,
For gifts to slaves denied:-
Yet while their tongues give voice
To bursts of honest pride,
Let honor due be humbly giv'n
To God, who sends those gifts from heav'n.

(Sung at the Dedication of City Hall, Saco)

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